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BULGARIAN MOBILISATION

DEMANDS TO LITHUANIA

LONDON, Mar. 22.

THE BUCHAREST CORRESPONDENT of the London "Times" confirms this morning that mobilisation of the Hungarian Army is under way.

The Correspondent reports that it is impossible to give the numbers of men mobilised, but the forces are believed to be considerable.

The mobilisation, he states, is directed against Rumania.

Although it was officially denied yesterday by the Hungarian Legation in Paris, an official statement was issued by the Hungarian Government in Bucharest confirming that partial mobilisation had been ordered.

FORCED BY RUMANIA

The statement continued that the action had been forced upon Hungary in view of the concentration of Rumanian troops on the Hungarian frontier.

The statement goes on to say that this is the customary reply to such threats.

Hungarian and Rumanian troops are already facing each other on the frontier, but there is no hint of any more serious developments.

POLAND INTERCEDES

Later it was reported that Poland had interceded diplomatically and that the situation was much easier.

It is believed that about five per cent. of the total population of Hungary has been called to the colours.

Motor vehicles and farm wagons have been commandeered and all railway traffic has been disorganised by military requirements.

LITHUANIA DEMANDS

Parliament Called For Secret Session

PARIS, Mar. 21.

A GERMAN NOTE demanding evacuation of the Memel territory within five days is reported to have been handed to M. Urbahis, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister during his interview with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, according to a Kaunas telegram.

The report states that if Lithuania refuses the terms, German troops concentrated on the frontier would march into Lithuania, but if the note is accepted, the Lithuanian frontiers would be guaranteed, and the right to use the port conceded.—Reuter.

SURRENDER SOON

Memel, Mar. 21.
Dr. Neumann the Memel Nazi leader, informed "Reuter" to-day that he expected Lithuania "to surrender the Memel territory in the near future."—Reuter.

PARLIAMENT CALLED

An extraordinary meeting of the Lithuanian Parliament has been called.

Proceedings will be secret. It is believed that the decision to call Parliament was prompted by disquieting reports of German demands regarding Memel.

ULTIMATUM RECEIVED

MEMEL, MAR. 21.
M. GAILIUS, THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNOR AT MEMEL, HAS CONFIRMED THAT GERMANY HAS GIVEN LITHUANIA A VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM, DEMANDING CESSION OF THE TERRITORY TO GERMANY.

HE ADDED THAT LITHUANIA WAS CONSIDERING HER REPLY, AND AN ANSWER, NEGATIVE, HE SENT ON WEDNESDAY.—REUTER.

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It is officially announced in Bucharest that the Hungarian occupation of Ruthenia has been completed.

NOT FOR FRONTIER

Bucharest, Mar. 21.
An official statement says that following the decision of the Cabinet, the Government has concentrated a few divisions of Reservists, who will, if necessary, support the troops on the frontier.

If Rumania follows a peace policy, these units will remain at some distance from the frontier, and will only undergo exercises.

As soon as neighbour States demobilise, the Reservists will be sent home.

The statement adds that there are no military concentrations on the frontier, and the forces are only engaged in manoeuvres.—Reuter.

BOMB IN BRATISLAVA

Berlin, Mar. 21.

Over 40 have been arrested in connection with a bomb outrage near Bratislava, in which a bomb was thrown into the house of the German district leader, and at a German, who was in the street.

Neither bomb caused any injury.—Reuter.

CZECH CREDITS IMMOBILISED

London, Mar. 21.
In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced a Bill to implement the decision instructing banks to withhold the Czech-Slovak balances and gold securities without the consent of the Treasury.—Reuter.

IN FRANCE, TOO

Paris, Mar. 21.
The French Government, following the lead of London and Washington, has asked banks to immobilise all Czech assets, pending further instructions.—Reuter Special.

AMBASSADOR LEAVES

The Italian Ambassador to Berlin has left secretly for Rome.

No German newspapers were allowed to comment on his departure.

The Ambassador, who saw Herr Hitler before his departure, is believed to have been recalled by Signor Mussolini to report on the situation. He is believed to be



M. LEBRUN

President Of France In London

LONDON, Mar. 21.

THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP subsisting between Britain and France accounted for the extraordinary warmth of the welcome accorded President and Madame Lebrun when they arrived in England to-day on a State visit lasting until Friday.

Londoners turned out in force along the lavishly decorated streets, which sometime or other, the distinguished visitors will traverse during their stay. French colour emblems entered largely in the scheme of decorations.

The President's ship, accompanied by British warships and R.A.F. bombers overhead, passed through a double line of warships dressed overall, while a 21-guns salute was fired as the President entered Dover Harbour, where he and Madame Lebrun were greeted by the Duke of Gloucester, who wore a Guards uniform.

MET AT VICTORIA STATION

The party entrained for London where it was met at Victoria Station by the King and Queen, other members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, other members of the Cabinet, and a number of nobles.

Their Majesties with their guests, drove in a carriage procession to Buckingham Palace, which President and Madame Lebrun left later in the day to fulfil several engagements, concluding with a State banquet to-night at the Palace.

After the royal procession had entered the Palace, the crowd outside broke through the police cordon and rushed across to the Palace gates, and stood shouting: "We want the King! We want the President!"

Eventually President and Madame Lebrun, with Their Majesties and the young princesses came, on the balcony.

The arrival of President and Madame Lebrun in London was televised to a West End Theatre.—Reuter.

carrying an important message from Hitler.

MILITARY CHIEFS SEE HITLER

In Berlin, German military leaders continue to meet Hitler.

Rumours are current that the Germans are considerably strengthening their western fortifications.

The Berlin Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that the strained Anglo-German relations are causing some anxiety in Berlin.

ATTACKS ON BRITAIN
German and Italian newspapers continue their virulent attacks on Great Britain, whom they blame for the present crisis.

In Rome, the newspapers unanimously claim that the British and French military precautions are unwarranted and state that the democracies are heading for war.

The fact that all newspapers publish identical articles leads to the belief that the attacks are inspired.

HOPEFUL VIEW

LONDON, Mar. 22.

THE ROME CORRESPONDENT of the "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" says that Italian circles believe that Germany has reached the maximum limit of military action.

Futuro action by the Reich, it is believed in Rome, will be confined to diplomacy, thus allowing European tension to gradually subside.

Germany Strengthening Frontier Defences

METZ, Mar. 21.

THE HURRIED STRENGTHENING of Germany's frontier defences is going on across the border, it is reported here.

Workmen of all trades are busy day and night under the direction of engineer officers, a number of whom were sent to the frontier on Saturday night.

Hundreds of tank traps are being constructed about a mile from the French frontier.

It is stated that once these tank "ombs" are finished, the Germans will begin building reinforced concrete pill-boxes, cleverly camouflaged, sheltering machine-guns.

The frontier is patrolled night and day by German S.S. Guards, armed with rifles.—Reuter.

MAN POWER OF ARMY

London, Mar. 21.
Mr. R. A. Butler, answering questions in the House of Commons to-day, said that as far as he was aware, the man-power of the German army would remain unaffected by the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia.

Asked whether it was not the case that there was first-class equipment for a new army, including 700 first-class planes in the whole of the Skoda works, Mr. Butler said that it was difficult to give information.

Sir Lambert Ward interjected with the remark that as Czech heavy guns and rifles were of a different calibre, the advantage gained by Germany was not as great as suggested.—Reuter.

U.S. Neutrality Legislation

Borah May Lead "Filibuster"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.

ENQUIRIES in the lobbies show that Representatives will be guided by the action of the Senate regarding Senator Key Pittman's Neutrality resolution.

If the Senate approves, the Representatives are expected to follow suit shortly.

Supporters of the Administration believe that they command sufficient votes to pass the measure, although stiff opposition is expected from Senator Nye, Senator Borah, and others, which may even lead to a "filibuster," but in the present state of public opinion, a "filibuster" would be a weapon of doubtful utility.—Reuter.

Filibustering in the American Congress is a method of holding up the passage of a measure by talking sufficiently to prevent a vote being taken within the specified time. The technique is for members who are in opposition to the Bill to secure the floor and hold it as subjects completely removed from the actual measure.

L.C.C. Celebrates Anniversary

Queen Mary and the Princess Royal attended the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the London County Council to-day, which was celebrated in the County Hall.

Queen Mary occupied the Chairman's seat, looking down on a distinguished gathering.

Mr. John Burns, one of the surviving members of the first Council, was present.—Reuter.

Big Offensive In Chekiang Province

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

The biggest Japanese offensive since the capture of Hankow has begun in the Chekiang province against 600,000 Chinese strung out along the Chientang River, and the Shiehling-Kiang railway.

Units from North China, and naval forces are assisting the rear of the Japanese troops in Central China.—Reuter.

BRITISH MISSIONS

Counteracting The German Drive

PARIS, Mar. 21.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the despatch of a British trade mission to Rumania has made the best possible impression in Bucharest, according to messages received here.

Rumanian political circles feel that with the support of the British, Rumania will be able to conclude a treaty with Germany on equal footing.—Reuter.

MISSION TO ROME

Paris, Mar. 21.
It is rumoured that there is a move on foot in influential circles to send an unofficial emissary on a special mission to Italy.

The names of M. Laval, who negotiated the North African treaty with Signor Mussolini, and the Comte de Chambrun, are mentioned as emissary, but M. Laval denies having been approached on the matter.

It is realised here that if a decision is to be made, it must be done quickly, as Mussolini is due to speak on Sunday.—Reuter Special.

ACTIVITY IN POLAND

Warsaw, Mar. 21.
The British Ambassador to Poland, Sir Howard Kennard, called at the Foreign Office to-day, and it is believed that he communicated Britain's proposed diplomatic measures for the opinion of Colonel Beck.

It is thought here that Colonel Beck is unwilling to commit himself to any rapid re-alignment of policy hitherto pursued, namely in not joining any bloc. He is hardly likely to do so before his visit to London on April 3, when a thorough discussion of Poland's attitude is expected.

It is pointed out that Poland already has an alliance with France and commitments with Rumania.—Reuter.

Disorders In Damascus

Sandbags In Streets Of Syrian City

DAMASCUS, Mar. 21.
SANDBAGS HAVE been piled up to form blockhouses by French troops who occupied strategic points of the city, following Nationalist disorders.

The first action of the French troops was to destroy the barricades erected by the demonstrators.

Damascus is quiet to-day, but many shopkeepers have emptied their shops in the face of possible looting.

A number of leading agitators have been arrested.

The trouble is understood to have arisen from the French postponement of ratification of the Franco-Syrian Treaty.—Reuter.

"PENN LAND"

Sellinggrove, Pa.
A 30-foot-square plot of ground in Monks' Township near here, on which the 1764 Albany Treaty Line was established has been presented to the Commonwealth. The plot originally was deeded by William Penn to Christopher Forward in 1681. Since then it has had 48 owners.

DEMOCRACIES' DECLARATION

LONDON, Mar. 21.

THE JOINT DECLARATION announcing a four Powers solidarity in the event of further German aggression, which Britain is sponsoring, will probably be couched in general terms, writes a diplomatic observer.

It is understood that the document will contain no definite commitments, or elaborate clauses.

The text is being considered by the four governments concerned—British, French, Soviet, and Polish—but nothing official is likely to emerge until tomorrow, or Thursday.

BRITAIN HESITANT

While the Russians and Poles are desirous that the document should contain clauses binding the signatories to take action, it is believed that British circles favour an immediate general declaration which does not exclude the possibility of definite military commitments, or even an international conference afterwards, should the signatories so desire. It is felt that a conference at the present crisis would be extremely inconvenient, especially if held in Bucharest, as it is understood, the Russians are suggesting, while elaboration of specific commitments would take too much time.

It is emphasised that the fact that negotiations are proceeding with the Russians over the drafting of the declaration, should not be interpreted as a disagreement. It is emphasised that the present negotiations concern methods, rather than general principles.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Deep interest is taken in the attitude of Italy, which doubtless, will be clarified by Signor Mussolini's speech next Sunday.

The departure of Signor Bernardo Attolico, the Italian Ambassador from Berlin to Rome has aroused comment in political circles, as has the Paris rumour of French approaches to Italy, which has hitherto been denied.

Polish and Turkish envoys conferred with Viscount Halifax to-day, and M. Georges Bonnet, who is accompanying the French President to London, is seeing Viscount Halifax to-morrow, when they will likely discuss the declaration, and the concrete form which it should be given.

M. Tiles, who called at the Foreign Office to-day, is returning to the Rumanian capital to-morrow.—Reuter.

M. DALADIER'S MEASURES

Paris, Mar. 21.
Measures announced by M. Edouard Daladier under his full powers include the following:

Conscripts may be kept under arms when their service period has ended.

Reserves and specialists may be called to the colours for longer than normal.

Artillery effectives to be increased by 3,000 officers and non-commissioned officers.

The irregular forces in North Africa to be augmented.

A 40-hour week in all factories engaged in defence work.

Loans to be granted to firms working on defence orders.

A Directorate of arms production to be formed under the Ministry of Defence to speed up arms production.

Persons who have previously worked in arms factories may be recalled.

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GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO "REUTERS" AGENCY

LONDON, Mar. 21.

REFERENCES TO the £6,000 allocation to "Reuters" which was paid as part of the additional wage sent in services to foreign countries during the crisis last autumn were made during a debate in Parliament yesterday on a Foreign Office vote.

Commander R. T. H. Fletcher said he made no attack on the business principles or integrity of "Reuters", but he wanted to know whether the Minister in respect of which a grant of £6,000 was confirmed to speeches and comments favourable to the Government, or whether they contained criticism of the Government's foreign policy.

Commander Fletcher also asked whether any Dominion paper published these services, and if so, how much of them.

SINGAPORE CRITICISM

Commander Fletcher quoted criticism of "Reuters" in Singapore, and added that in South America, and the United States, news agencies were taking advantage of the payment to discredit "Reuters" on the ground

MONOPOLY IN MALAYA

Referring to the charges that "Reuters" had a monopoly in Malaya and India, Mr. Storey said that by reason of their vast organisation and credit "Reuters" on the ground

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HONGKONG'S only success in the Irish Sweepstakes draw was a £100 consolation prize.

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Swatow also had a £100 prize, drawn by ticket Z211772, held by Mr. Wong, of 9 Jin Sew L1, Klatat, Swatow.

LATEST

LITHUANIA ACCEPTS

LONDON, MAR. 22.
LITHUANIA HAS ACCEPTED GERMAN DEMANDS, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL REPORT. MEMELLAND WILL BE HANDED OVER TO GERMANY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.—REUTER.

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Further Late News

KEEN INTEREST IN FILM CENSORSHIP

FILM topics are perhaps of even more interest at the present time than the films themselves. Thus there is a reaction against the American film censorship as a potent cause of the standardisation and puerility of the great majority of Hollywood pictures. The immediate abolition of the Will Hays office, the motion picture production "code" the Legion of Decency and all other forms of censorship is urged by Professor Sawyer Falk, director of the Civil University Theatre, at Syracuse, New York. As an experiment he wants to see "facts of life" films produced, with good taste as the only restriction. Professor Falk resents the fact that the screen is unable to touch on vital subjects not forbidden to the novelist and dramatist. I do not think his view will gain ground since without restriction of some sort good currency would be driven out by the bad. Everything depends on the manner in which the censorship is exercised. It ceases to be intolerable when, as in England, it is sensitive to public opinion.

Then there is the present position of film production in England which is causing controversy and difference of views everywhere. Some people maintain that the new Films Act which provides for a 20 per cent. quota for the exhibitors and 15% for the exhibitors, has achieved its purpose. It has resulted in an improvement in quality and has achieved the splendid result of washing out the degrading "Quota Quakeles." Opponents of the Act maintain that it is a flop because there is so much unemployment. Another section of the trade is unhappy because fewer pictures are being produced, but what are being produced are better. Perhaps it is as well for everybody to be patient for 12 months to see how the Act actually works.

Scotsmen are up in arms because films made by an official Scottish committee have been rejected by the committee responsible for choosing films for the British Pavilion at the New York Fair. The reasons for the rejection were seemingly that the films did not show a sufficiently pretty or decorative picture of Britain. The body which had refused presentation is a committee of the British Council for Cultural Relations Overseas, which he described as an English organisation. No doubt we shall hear more of this.

A GREAT FILM

A great film has come to us recently. It is a superb war film and is called "The Dawn Patrol." One critic suggests that if Chuklov had served as an airman in the War it is the sort of story he might have written. It is a stirring, magnificent study in futility. There is really no plot. None of the characters is unsympathetic. The end has come before you realise you have not seen a woman. The drama rises from the reactions of each man to his job. The commanding officer (Basil Rathbone) has been brought to a nervous breakdown by duties he hates; his flight leader (Errol Flynn) thinks him a butcher for sending boys on

15 hours flying service against a German ace, Scotty (David Niven) is cheerful and the veteran (Donald Crisp) stands by with gentle philosophy. John Monk Saunders, an American, has written nothing so effective since "Wings" and Edmund Goulding, an Englishman, has directed a British cast faultlessly.

Other films look pale in comparison with "Dawn Patrol." "Kentucky" at the New Gallery is life seen through the rosey lens of technical colour. It is the old story of two families having a feud and the beautiful daughter falls in love with the handsome son, and there is a horse in the Kentucky Derby. In spite of its unoriginal plot it is good entertainment, with Richard Greene and Loretta Young as the lovers. It has quaint humour and charm and no doubt will be more popular with the public than "Dawn Patrol."

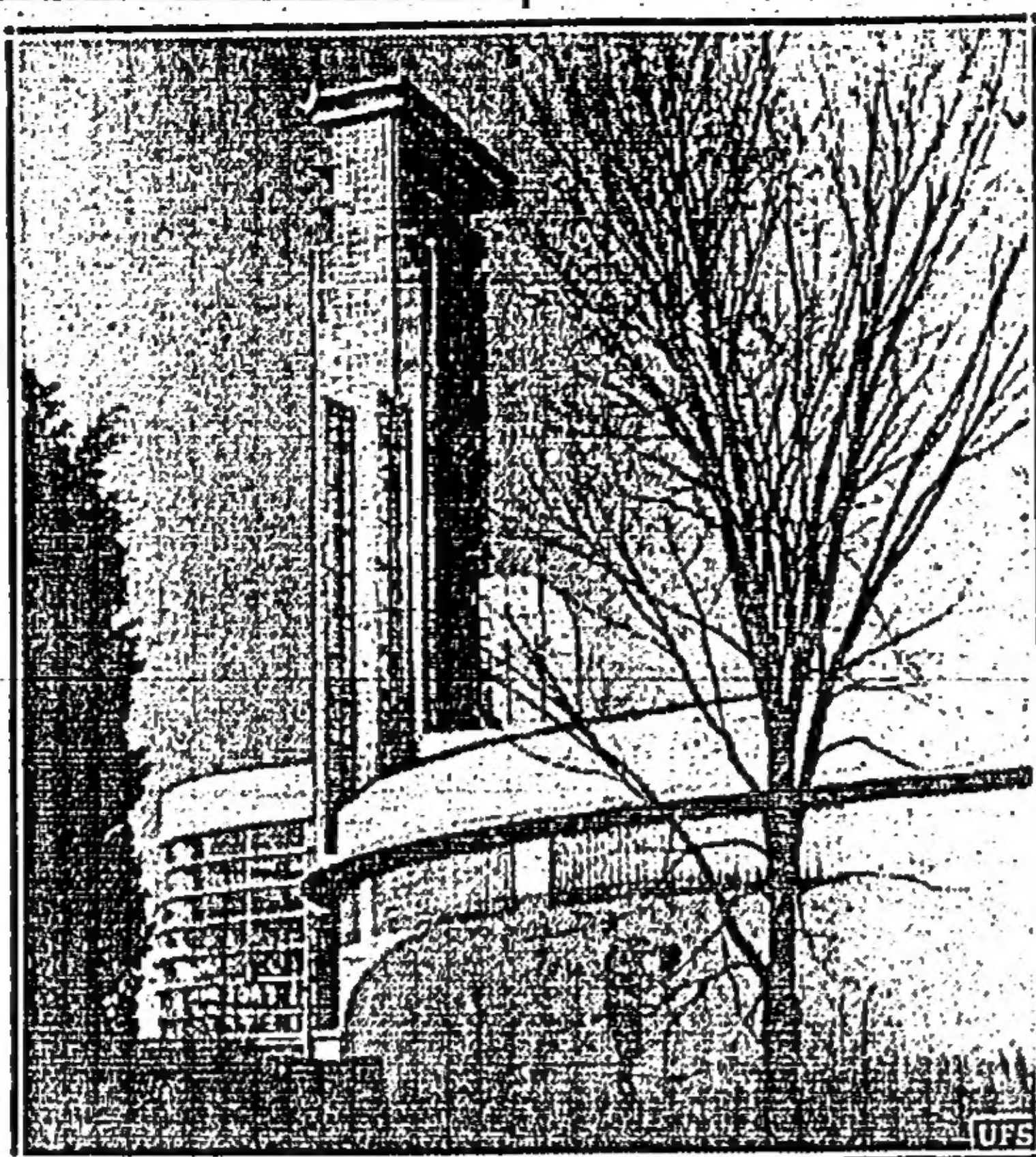
"The Outsider" successful as a play and as a silent film, has been remade by Associated British with Mary Maguire as the crippled girl, and George Sanders, the tall Englishman who made his mark as the mooned menace in "Lloyds of London" as the quack who cures her when Harley Street has failed. I saw the play some years ago and noticed that the film kept well within the stage portrayal excepting for a few alterations.

BONE SETTING

The chief point being that bone setting was regarded with grave suspicion and hostility and that nowadays one loses a little of this point as it is a part of one's life. Mary Maguire is a newcomer to the film world with a sweet and appealing face and lovely eyes that hold one's attention throughout. The film impresses one as a moving and athletic story which will appeal however more to the feminine public.

Joe E. Brown continues to be popular and his picture "The Gladiator" conforming strictly to formula can be safely recommended to all who like it. Some of the gags are (Continued on Next Column.)

NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR



Any misdirected stones might damage the \$1,000,000 glass house at the New York World's Fair, where wonders of the world of glass will be housed. Above, the huge illuminated tower of glass blocks, is shown, with its blue glass fins and spiral helix. The building is located not far from the thematic tryon and perisphere of the fair.

Rich Widow To Marry Holiday-Hotel Waiter

BUDAPEST.

A wealthy Australian widow, aged twenty-nine, is to marry a Hungarian waiter with whom she fell in love when he waited at her table two years ago at Lake Balaton, Hungary's fashionable summer resort.

Hardy Embraced By An Elephant

GEORGE EMERSON, of Hollywood, who trains animals for the films, has just finished his toughest assignment. It is a strenuous job at the best of times, but when he was training two elephants, Queenie and Sally, for their parts in Oliver Hardy's latest film, "It's Spring Again," it attained new heights of difficulty.

In the script this sort of thing kept bobbing up: "A look of pain sweeps across the elephant's face." "Sally embraces Oliver Hardy with deep affection." "A light of determination was in Queenie's eyes."

For the sweeping look of pain, George doubled the pressure on the elephant's cheeks, then turned a wind-machine on to her face and made her blink.

For the determination, George waved a stick with a chromolum-plated knob, and made Queenie stare.

To produce the embrace, Oliver Hardy had to give Sally titbits for ten days. After that what could a grateful elephant do but wrap her trunk affectionately round him?

really funny. Considering that Mr. Brown is 48 he gets away wonderfully with adolescent parts.

Finally we have "Le Jour d'Enfer" at the Berkeley, based on the life of Baron von Kempelen, the Austrian puppet maker who lost his life saving a Polish rebel from the vengeance of Catherine the Great. The film, however, never quite gets there. There are moments of beauty and strange horror but the film as a whole just misses and this despite some distinguished acting by Conrad Veidt as the baron and Francoise Rosely as the Empress.

News from the Disney studios is that there will be no full-length Disney successor to "Snow White" until next Christmas at the earliest but after that the feature cartoons should succeed one another at intervals of six months or so. There are three full length Disney productions in hand at the moment, apart from the regular supply. They are "Pinocchio," "Bambi" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." The first named is based on the Italian story of a puppet made by the woodcarver Gepetto, who was brought to light by the Blue Fairy, but couldn't become a really little boy until he proved himself worthy. Bambi is about the deer who grew up to be monarch of the Maline Woods. Mickey Mouse himself is the Sorcerer's apprentice.

The waiter, thirty-four-year-old Joseph Nagy, is the son of a brick-layer.

The widow, Mrs. Molly Barton, came to Hungary after the death of her husband, a surgeon in Melbourne. She now owns a flourishing beauty parlour in Melbourne.

Nagy said: "We became interested in each other because I could talk to her in English. After I had cleared her table and was off duty at the hotel we used to go for walks together."

"Before she returned to Australia after six weeks' holiday we were engaged."

"Since then she has written to me regularly, and sent me cables asking me to go to Australia, but I did not want to live upon her fortune. So for two years I worked on as a waiter, and organised connections in Hungary so that I could act as a trading agent for importing Hungarian goods into Australia."

"Now I have sent her a cable saying I am ready to leave. I shall sail from Naples shortly and we shall be married immediately after I arrive in Melbourne."

Canned For 114 Years, Is Fresh

What is the age of the oldest tin of canned meat still in existence? There is one of heavy black metal in "Explorers' Corner" at the Royal United Services Institution which was in Captain Parry's stores for two Arctic expeditions in 1824-25. He brought it back unused and it remained unopened till last year. Now the roast veal it contained is in two test tubes, pink and fresh as the day it was canned at least 114 years ago.

Portions were fed to animals—and they like it. Donkin and Heal, who began business in 1811, were the canners. They were the first firm to supply such products.

There were no tin-openers in those days. The tin in "Explorers' Corner" bears the instruction: "Cut round with hammer and chisel."

FROM CRIMEAN WAR Canning was originated by Appert, a Paris chef, who bottled foods and placed them in boiling water about 1780.

Four tins for canned food supplied to the troops in the Crimean War came into the possession of Professor J. C. Drummond, of London University, two years ago. When the cans were opened the food was found to be in excellent condition.

Pasteur's experiments on fermentation proved that the secret of canning was not the exclusion of air, as was formerly believed, but the killing of the bacteria in the foods by heating. The exclusion of air prevents the bacteria from re-entering.

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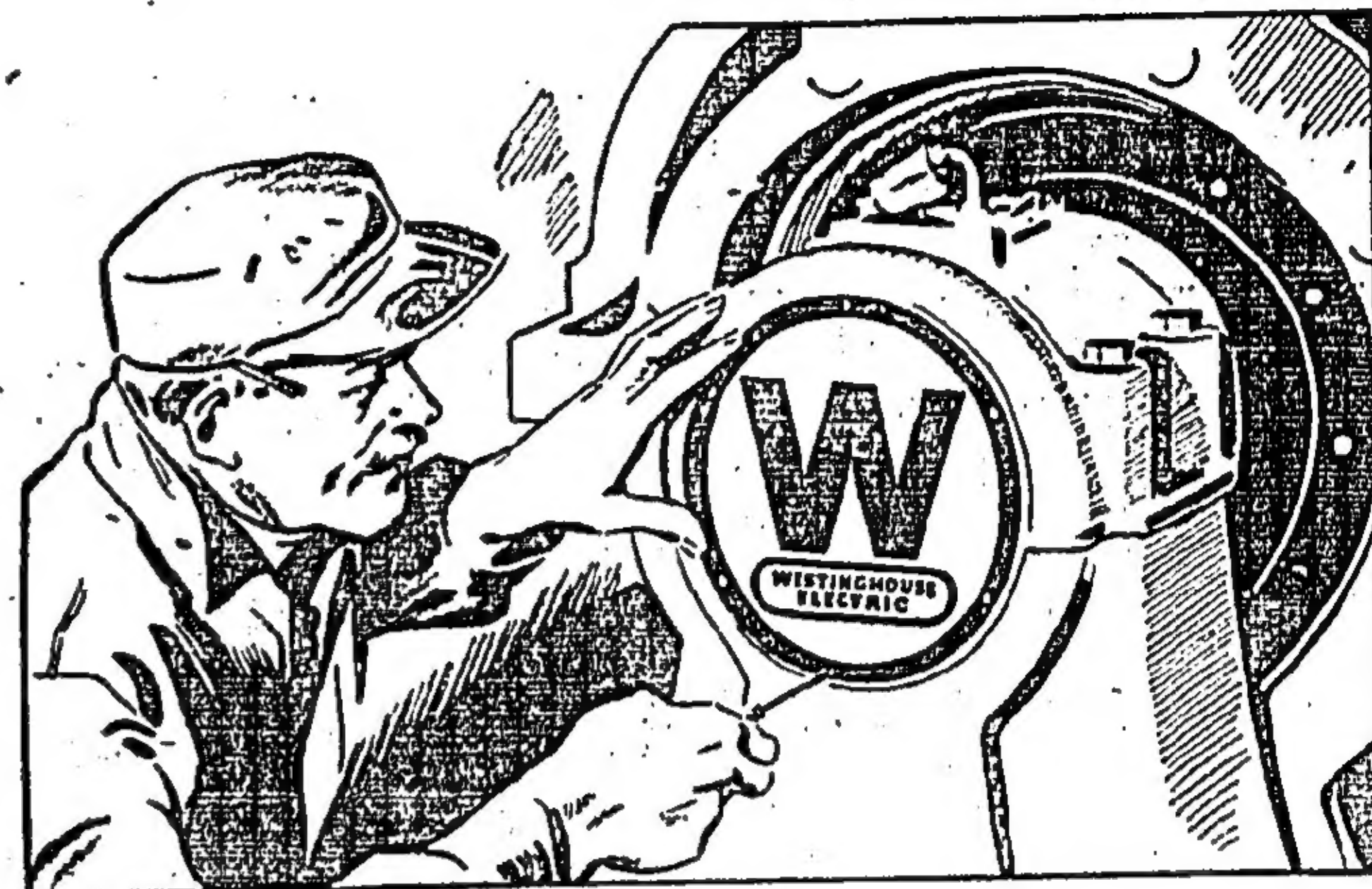
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YOUNG PEER WITH £65,000 SAYS: 'I'LL KEEP ON WORKING'

LORD SELSDON, who at twenty-five succeeds to the title on the death of his father, said recently:—"I see no reason why I should give up my job."

As the Hon. Patrick Mitchell-Thomson, he inherited £65,000 from his grandmother two years ago. He was forbidden to touch the capital until he is thirty-five, but the interest gives him enough to enjoy motor-racing and travel.

He said he was "fed up with lounge parties," and took a £4-a-week job in a firm which cleans the inside of buildings. He is now a director.

He married in 1936 and has one son.

Lord Selsdon's father died at his London home on Christmas Eve, aged sixty-one. He was Postmaster-General and Chief Civil Commissioner in 1924-5.

A few hours before his death, his former wife, Mrs. Joseph A. Peabody, was granted a Reno divorce.

A.R.P. Taxi Fleet Planned

For towing light fire brigade pumps in an emergency, the L.C.C. Air Raid Precautions Committee has prepared a draft scheme by which 2,500 taxicabs will be available.

In addition, some 800 heavy vehicles have been earmarked for towing heavy fire appliances and for dealing with supplies to hospitals.

The Ministry of Health has also asked for 2,150 lorries to be used as ambulances if necessary. Vehicles are being examined.

About 1,425 private cars are needed for use as ambulances for sitting cases, and it is proposed in the first instance to approach hiring firms.

"FISHING" IN TRENCHES
With fishing rods and worms, between 20 and 30 unemployed men went fishing for eels in waterlogged A.R.P. trenches on Primrose Hill, near the London Zoo, recently.

They carried posters and streamers demanding "Give us work on A.R.P.," and "Bring Anderson to 'Ed'."

The eels were tipped into the trenches—in which were about 2in. of water—from buckets. They were quickly caught.

Serum Spray Cure For 'Flu

Moscow.
TREATMENT of influenza by a new method—inhalation of a spray of serum developed from a horse—is stated to have given favourable results.

In first mass experiments a group of employees of Mustorg, Russia's biggest department store, in the centre of Moscow, inhaled the spray of this serum.

Another group was inoculated with the serum, which was developed from a virus grown under the skin of a horse after it had been exposed to the influenza germs.

MORE TESTS

The animal caught the illness, developed a powerful anti-influenza virus, and recovered.

After the experiment of inhaling the spray of the serum a second group of employees was organized to correlate results of tests on those inoculated.

Preliminary results are said to be extremely encouraging. Those given the serum were found to recover more quickly and to develop complications less frequently than those from which the serum was withheld.

In the British and American research on true epidemic influenza—as opposed to the "influenza cold"—the only susceptible animals have been ferrets and apes. For a horse to be able to produce an anti-serum it would also have to be susceptible. In this country the serum has been given by injection as distinct from

Among the laughing onlookers was Professor J. B. S. Haldane, who is an expert on A.R.P.



Frances and Fred, Continental dancing stars, who are appearing nightly at the Gloucester Hotel.

Film Chiefs Agree To Make Cinemas Uncomfortable

PARIS.

BECAUSE attempts at a settlement between the city council and Paris cinema managements over the question of increased entertainment taxes have failed, directors of cinemas decided to make conditions so uncomfortable for the public that they will complain.

A meeting of cinema directors decided that, beginning on Wednesday:—

Names of films will no longer be in lights outside cinemas. Advertisements for films on sandwich boards, in the Press, or by radio will be discontinued.

Political propaganda will be suppressed in news films. Programmes will be announced in the shortest form possible in newspapers (for big cinemas) and in handbills for small cinemas.

The directors are to send a letter to M. Daladier, the Prime Minister.

Efforts to settle the dispute have been going on since the calling off of the four-day strike by the Paris cinemas early in January.

A.R.P. Women Mob 2 Men

INDIGNANT A.R.P. women workers surrounded two men who tried to display a banner at a recruiting meeting for women's voluntary service at the Ilford Town Hall, E., recently, tore the banner to pieces, and hustled the interrupters out of the building.

The banner read, "Let unemployed men build A.R.P. shelters at T.U. rates." There were 60 women at the meeting.

The Dowager Lady Reading, who was speaking at the time, watched the incident, and afterwards said: "The women in the audience dealt with the interrupters so quickly that my speech was hardly interfered with."

Mrs. Simmons, an Ilford A.R.P.

Fingerprint Honour Won

Oakland, Cal.
Ray Wesley Conover, 12, believes that it is never too early to file your finger-prints with the Federal Bureau of Identification. By filing at the precise time he did, he attained the honour of being the millionth person to have his prints recorded by the civil identification section of the bureau.

warden, who was acting as a steward at the meeting, said: "When I saw the men unfurl the banner, I pounced on one of them and held on to him. The banner was torn in the struggle. Other women got hold of the other man and both of them were thrown out of the building. I was not frightened, just very indignant."

Preserving Kipling's Old Home

ALTHOUGH it is intended that Kipling's old house, The Elms, at Rottingdean and its grounds shall be preserved, the owner, Sir Roderick Jones, and the Brighton Corporation have agreed that the site shall be zoned in the local town planning scheme as for residential purposes.

The agreement was explained when the Ministry of Health inquiry regarding the town planning scheme for Rottingdean and district was resumed at Brighton recently.

Mr. C. J. M. Whittaker, appearing for Sir Roderick Jones, explained that the latter was a friend and neighbour of Kipling's. Before the town planning proposals he bought The Elms to preserve it.

MEMORIES

"It was always his intention to keep that property intact because of its memories for him and the public," continued Mr. Whittaker.

"But when the Corporation scheduled the property as a private open space, Sir Roderick objected."

"It was his intention during his life to preserve it, but one could never tell what circumstances might be in future generations, and he did not feel he could permit the property to be sterilised in perpetuity."

"Therefore, he asks that the property should be scheduled for residential purposes. So far as he is concerned, the position is entirely academic."

"SHOOT IT OUT"

EL CENTRO, Cal.
Hopes of the police to have a chance at last to "shoot it out" with a real bandit were shattered here. A telephone call had advised them that an armed bandit was sitting in a parked motor car. Police rushed to the scene and found a small boy with a cap pistol sitting in someone's automobile.

Japanese Occupation of Hainan

QUESTIONS were asked in the House of Commons recently regarding the steps to be taken to protect British interests during the Japanese occupation of Hainan.

Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked the Prime Minister whether he will give orders for the immediate despatch of a British cruiser for the protection of British interests in the Island of Hainan so long as the Japanese remain in occupation there?

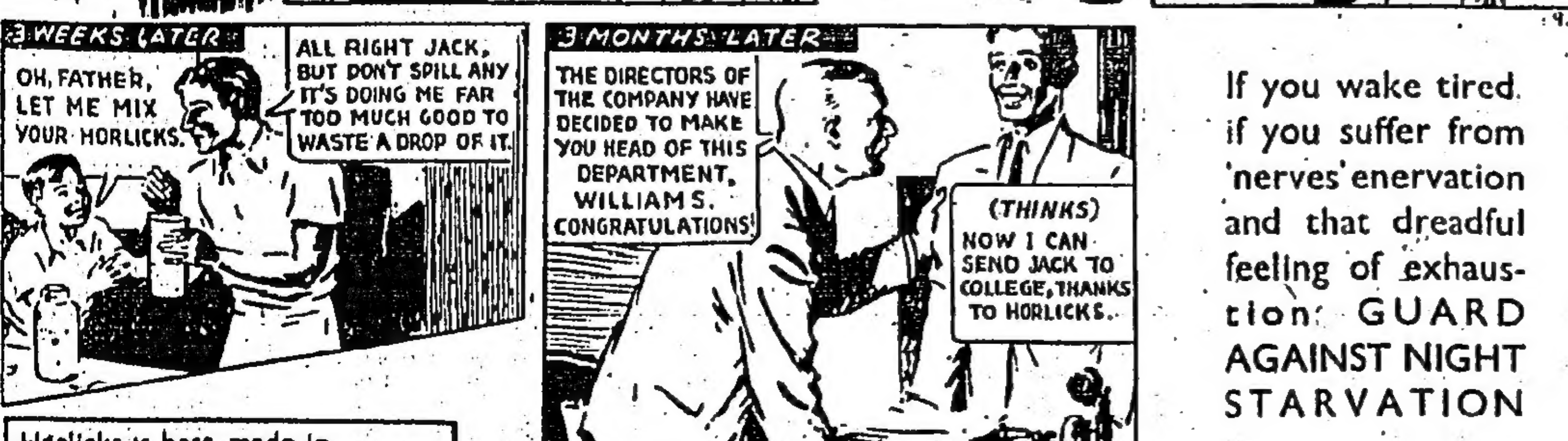
Mr. Butler: The question has been fully considered, but no decision has been taken to despatch a British war-

ship to Hainan in present circumstances.

Captain Graham asked the Prime Minister whether he will instruct His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo to press the Japanese Government for some further detailed amplification of their excuse of military necessity for their present occupation of Hainan, and to obtain from them at least an explanation of the conditions which, in their view would terminate this necessity?

Mr. Butler: Those matters are receiving consideration, but I cannot at the moment add any more.

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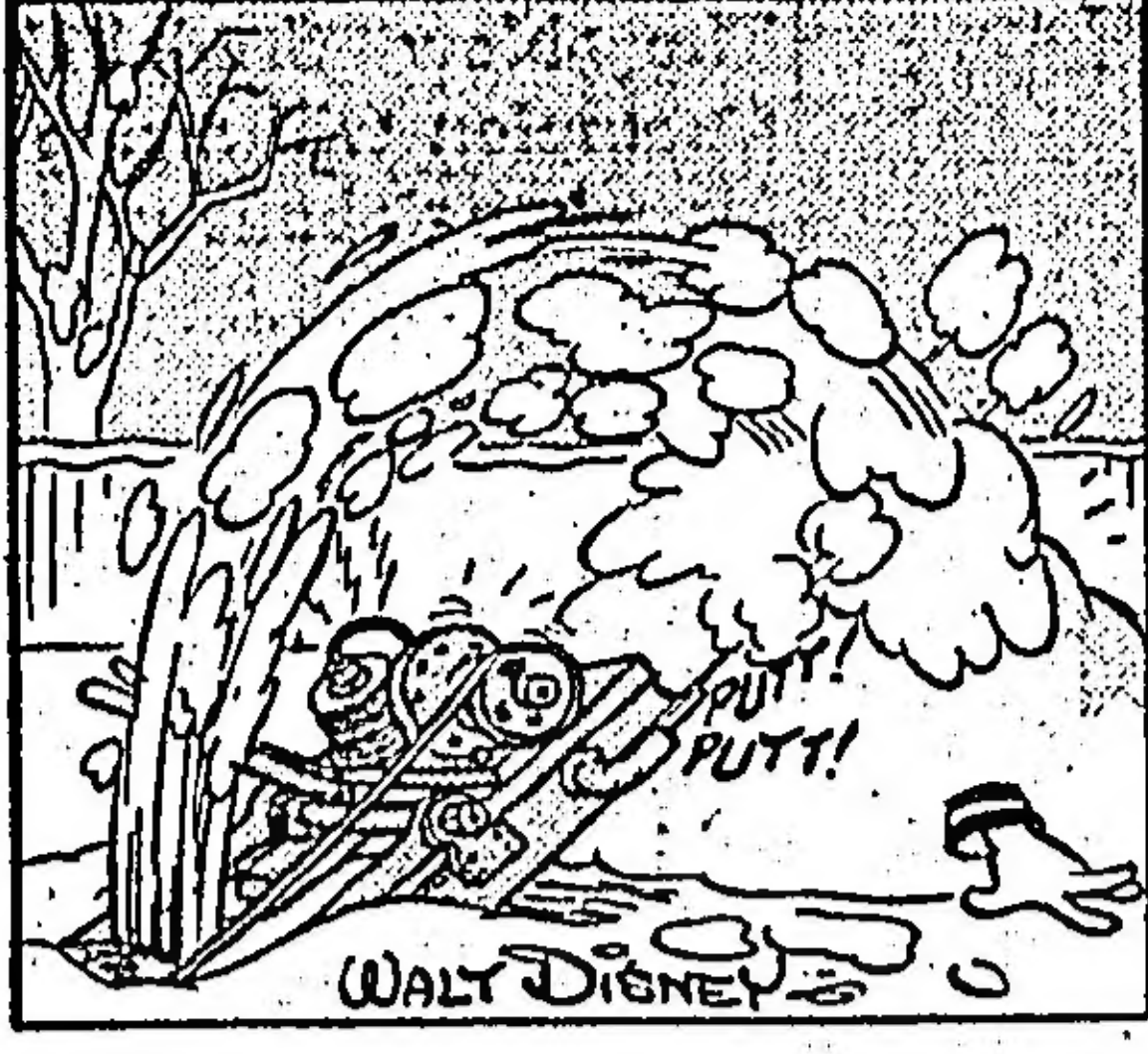
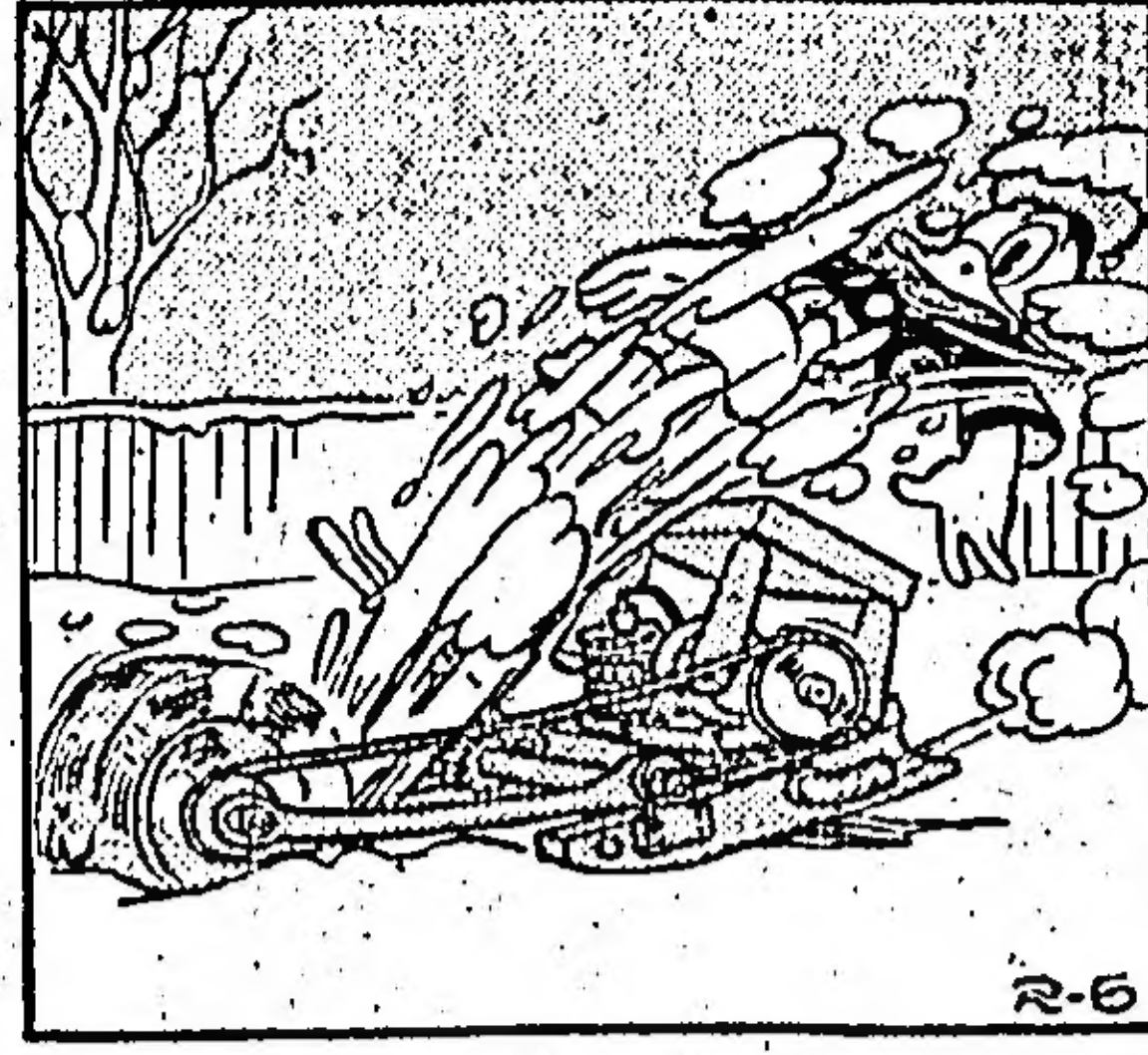
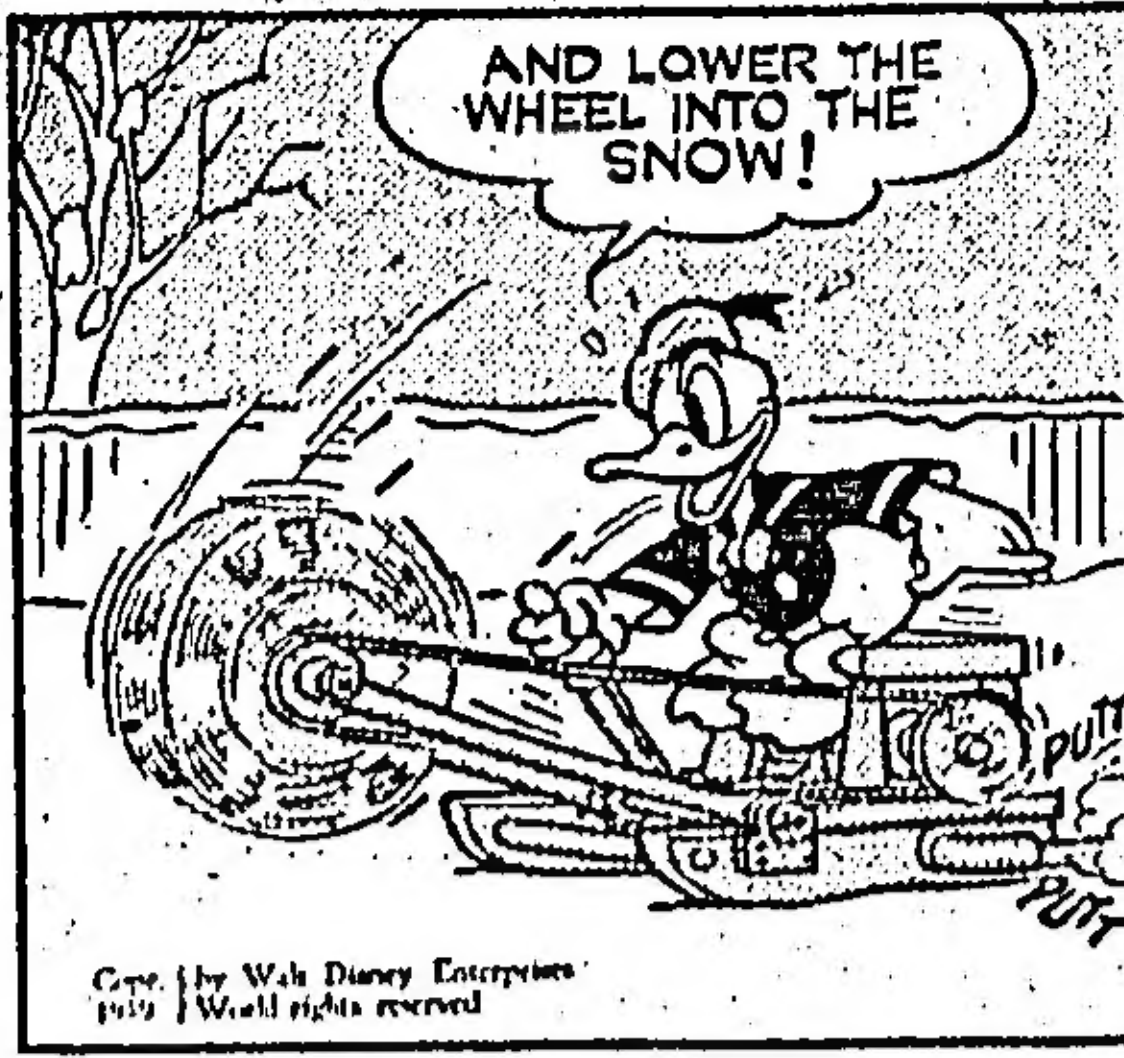
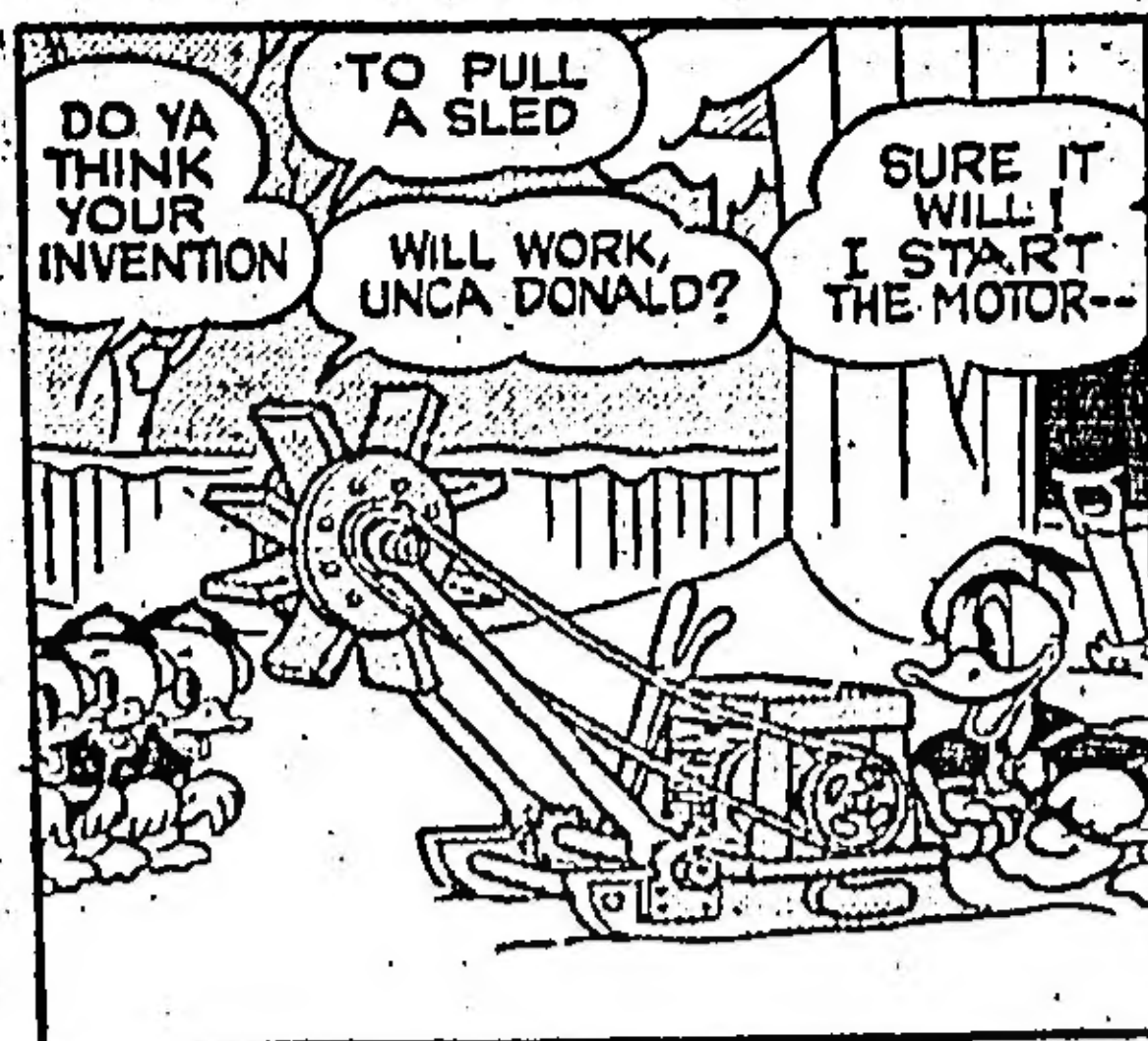
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SALVATION ARMY HOME
Work Of Hongkong Branch
Reviewed At Meeting

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote, yesterday afternoon attended the annual meeting of the Salvation Army in the Army Home in Embankment Road, Kowloon.

Sir Henry Pollock presided, and Major Dorothy Brazier, the Officer-in-Charge, and other officers of the Salvation Army were present, Major Brazier reading a most interesting report on the work of the Home in enabling Chinese girls to enter a life of usefulness and respectability.

After the meeting had been declared open, the following review of the work carried out during 1938, was read by Major Brazier:—
During the year under review, 82 girls and children have been helped in the Home, not including the juvenile offenders. For convenience the statistics that our friends have been provided with are given under different headings, which may need a little explanation—Home cases, i.e. girls received for a long period sometimes covering several years; assisted cases, those who only need temporary help for a month or less; children, little ones of 10 years or under.

The complete accommodation for inmates has by careful re-arrangement been increased from 50 to 55, making it possible to reserve 25 beds for the juvenile offenders received via the Police Courts, the remaining accommodation being used for cases from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or other sources.

On account of the various reasons for admission it is necessary to make some attempt at classification. This year it has been increasingly difficult to accommodate those under our care on account of the number of juveniles, of 13 to 16 years of age, who were not in a fit condition physically or morally to mix with the ordinary inmates.

To meet the need of isolation for these cases, four of the rooms at the bottom of the garden have been used as an isolation block. These rooms, provide sleeping accommodation for 13 girls and one employee, the fourth room serving as a small day room in wet weather. When these girls' terms end, etc., that part of the garden reserved for them.

In the main building the accommodation is again divided, the remainder of the juvenile offenders occupying the ground floor, using bathroom, etc., on that floor. The girls and children received from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and other sources have their sleeping apartments and workroom upstairs.

The fact that united family prayers are conducted morning and evening and real Salvation Army meetings, with plenty of singing, are held on Sundays, does much to maintain a good spirit in the Home. When discipline is resented, the power of the love of God never fails, and some of the remand side, who at first rebelled at the loss of their freedom for a few months, have asked to be given a longer chance when their time of detention has expired. Such cases have been transferred upstairs.

Examples Quoted

Over three years ago, a 14-year-old juvenile offender was committed to the Home for four months detention on a charge of larceny. She served her time and at her own request was transferred to the other side of the Home. A completely changed life, she is now responsible for the marketing and other such commissions for the Home.

Having served her six months detention downstairs for petty theft, a young girl of 14 years of age was sent for the day before her time expired, and asked what she wished to do—she replied, "I can go back to father, but I do not like having to live as we did after mother died; father and I had to share one bed space. I don't want to go back to that, and my friends were no good to me." A moment's hesitation, then she said, "Could you give me a chance upstairs and when I've learned more, get me some work?" She is now making the most of the opportunity to equip herself for the future.

Whenever a girl is brought in by the Police, an opportunity is always made to have an interview with her before she goes to Court. It often needs much tact and patience to persuade a little heroin pill or opium carrier to speak the truth, and sometimes it takes more than one or two early morning interviews before anything like the real identity of the child is discovered. To get a name, rightly adjusted, to produce in the flesh parents and relatives alleged to have been deceased for many years, is not the work of five minutes.

was old enough to be her grandfather.

Whilst helpless children are being violated in the homes of those who have every right to protect them, let us hesitate before we denounce the girl who a few years later starts on a life of shame.

Unless these first sordid memories can be erased, and a chance given her to regain her self-respect, what inducement has she to live a pure life as she gets older?

Motherless, and father not in a fit mental condition to care for her and her little brother, a young girl of 14 years of age had to beg for rice in her native village. Enlured by the promise of good employment, she accompanied her supposed benefactor to Hongkong, where she was taken to a house and told she would be employed as a maid. A few days later her mistress forced her to receive men and practise prostitution. When she refused she was struck. At last she made good her escape and reported to the Police.

Driven to Prostitution
Economic causes the world over drive women and girls into prostitution, but that they should drive children of from 12 upwards into it is a terrible indictment of conditions prevailing in Hongkong. We are faced with the urgent need of a separate Home for these child prostitutes, a Home suitably equipped where the girls who are being rescued from the life of prostitution can receive the medical treatment they require and where they can be helped back to a normal life. The girls need helping physically, morally and spiritually, and they also need learn some means by which they can earn a living other than by prostitution.

The V. D. Clinics are doing a splendid work, but if there is no other hope for a girl but to attend the clinic and carry on at the same time, the Clinic, as far as she is concerned, is a waste of public money.

This Home has done its best to try and solve the problem, but our accommodation and equipment for dealing with the numbers that need our help is wholly inadequate. The danger of receiving young girls, full of disease, into one small Home together with ordinary juvenile offenders and girls who know nothing of the life of prostitution, cannot be over emphasised.

We are happy to do the work if we can be given the facilities, and that it is a work needs doing and is worth doing must be obvious to all.

Despite the extra number of cases helped, our hearts praise God for the provision. He has made for the Home's need during a year when the public of Hongkong have had many counter calls upon its practical sympathy. Old friends have not failed us, and new friends have come to our assistance.

This year we may be faced with the problem of purchasing premises to carry on the work of this Home when our present lease expires in January 1940. We are confident the Colony will not fail to come to our help in solving the problem when the time comes.

The help received from the Colonial Government has done much to make the continuance of the work possible. The Home girls by their industry, have contributed 17,933.61 towards their own support. This is an aspect of our work we would like encouraged, and it is hoped our friends will not only purchase the beds and other useful articles on display this afternoon, but will also solicit orders from their friends and thus join with us in giving a helping hand to some of our less fortunate little sisters.

After receiving these grants and local industries income, there was still left a deficit of about \$2,500, to meet which we have relied upon the interest and generosity of our friends in the Colony. The result of the annual appeal for 1938 was a great encouragement to us all. We trust that the response to the 1939 appeal which opens in a few days, will be equally generous.

One final word of heart-felt appreciation to the Chinese workers who have faithfully done their best to influence the girls for God, and to all Christian friends who have strengthened our hands in prayer we say a sincere "Thank you".

President's Speech
Sir Henry Pollock said:—
I consider it a great privilege to take the Chair this afternoon, and to be associated with the Salvation

Army, which has a well-deserved and world-wide reputation for its labours among the desolate and oppressed. This small building, with its garden, performs three separate functions.

In the first place, on the ground floor, it is a Remand Home for those young girls who have broken the law. Secondly, in the upstairs part, it is a refuge where young girls stay on for months and even years, and are taught useful and also beautiful needlework, which is for the benefit of this Home and thus inmates are enabled to contribute to their own support.

Lastly, there is the isolation block, at the bottom of the garden, where the saddest group of all are housed, more than children, who, in many instances, have been forced into an immoral life. These girls are not for the time being in a fit condition of health to mix with the others in the Home.

In these cases Major Brazier and her fellow-workers are burdened with a fourfold responsibility: The segregation of these girls and their clothing; the sending of these girls daily under escort for treatment at the V.D. Clinic in the Kowloon Hospital; the protection of these girls from contact with those outside who forced them into a life of shame and would like to drag them back into it; and teaching these girls that their souls are of value and that they can still be reclaimed to a better way of life.

One problem which the Officers of the Home have to face is that they have to receive every type of child, girl or woman, irrespective of age or of the reason for admission; the watchword of the Army being: "Never withhold assistance from any one."

Friendless Girls
This Home is a refuge for many different types of friendless girls and young children, and the table of statistics which is in your hands gives short but pathetic biographies of the inmates during the past year.

I have been told by a former Police Magistrate that the work done by the Salvation Army in connection with juvenile offenders waiting lists is of the greatest assistance to Magistrates, because the Officers from this Home enquire carefully into the facts of the cases before accompanying the offenders into Court.

Girls under 10 who are convicted of offences are styled "juvenile offenders", and, instead of being sent to prison, are sentenced by a Police Magistrate to a period of detention in the Home, and thus escape the stigma of going to gaol and the risk of mixing with hardened offenders. It is impossible to exaggerate the value of their stay in these surroundings.

This is the first real home which many of them have ever had. Several of them have been sold when quite young. Few of them have any knowledge of the whereabouts of their own parents.

They arrive at the Home in a filthy and unwashed condition, and it must be a revelation to them to be surrounded by kindness and cleanliness.

They are taught to keep themselves clean and tidy, and are kept busy with lessons and with learning how to convert European garments into Chinese suits.

Quite a number of them at their own request, on the expiration of their sentence, have been allowed to remain in the Home until a suitable employment can be found for them, and the careers of some of them are followed up when they leave the Home.

That the Home is always filled to capacity is conclusive evidence that it is meeting a pressing need.

Nobody can have listened unmoved to the report which Major Brazier made regarding the work during 1938, and nobody can fail to recognise and be thankful for the unwavering courage and wholehearted devotion with which she and her fellow-workers have handled the many and difficult problems with which they have been confronted.

And now, as we learn with dismay from Major Brazier, the Salvation Army is in serious danger of being deprived shortly of these premises because their present lease expires in January next, and the owner desires to sell the property. This is a blow indeed.

Prostitution Cases
Surely it is unthinkable that this splendid work, which has been carried on in this building for the past four years, should come to an end for lack of funds, and I would fain express the hope that the Government will be willing to step in to prevent such a disaster from occurring, especially as the provision of a Remand Home for juvenile girls is strictly part of the duty of the Government. Government assistance is also required to provide a Rescue Home in this Colony for girls leading an immoral life.

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COUNCIL MEETING
Number of New Bills To
Be Considered

At a meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon, the Colonial Secretary will move the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 1), dated February 2, 1939, be adopted.

The Attorney-General is to move the first reading of the following: A Bill to amend the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931.

A Bill to make better provision for the prevention and punishment of endeavours to seduce members of His Majesty's forces, or any member of any local Naval, Military or Police force, corps or reserve, from their duty, or from their allegiance to His Majesty.

A Bill to amend the law relating to the professional qualifications required in the case of Judges of the Supreme Court and Full Court.

A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the registration of persons.

A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the taxation of Hydrocarbons Oils.

A Bill to authorize an undertaking for the reclamation of an area of sea bed to abut the Jubilee Street Ferry Pier approaches and Connaught Road to the Eastward of such approaches.

A Bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Police Magistrate and for construction of a temporary pier between the said reclamation and Douglas Wharf.

A Bill to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1938.

A Bill to make provision for the Colony's yearly contributions to His Majesty's Government for defence.

The Attorney-General will also move the second and third readings of: A Bill to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1935.

A Bill for the repeal of the Government House and City Development Scheme Ordinance, 1934, and for the appropriation to the general revenue of the Colony of any balance standing to the credit of the Fund at the Treasury established under section 4 of that Ordinance.

A Bill to amend the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, 1938.

A Bill to amend the Evidence Ordinance, 1889.

A Bill to amend section 45A of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance, 1865, as enacted by the Offences Against the Person Amendment Ordinance, 1938.

girls only, but dozens more girls could be rescued if there was only 25,000 prostitutes in this Colony, and accommodation to receive them by the Salvation Army must be a fraction only of the rescue work which might be done if only a Rescue Home were opened. At present these girls have no choice between continuing their present immoral life and starvation.

Sir Geoffrey's Assurance
H.E. the Governor, after expressing thanks for the invitation to be present, said that the matter of providing alternative accommodation for the Salvation Army, which is presently housed in the Home, was receiving consideration, and would continue to receive sympathetic consideration from Government.

Speech by M. Lebrun, preceded by the Lord Mayor's address of Welcome from Guildhall, London.

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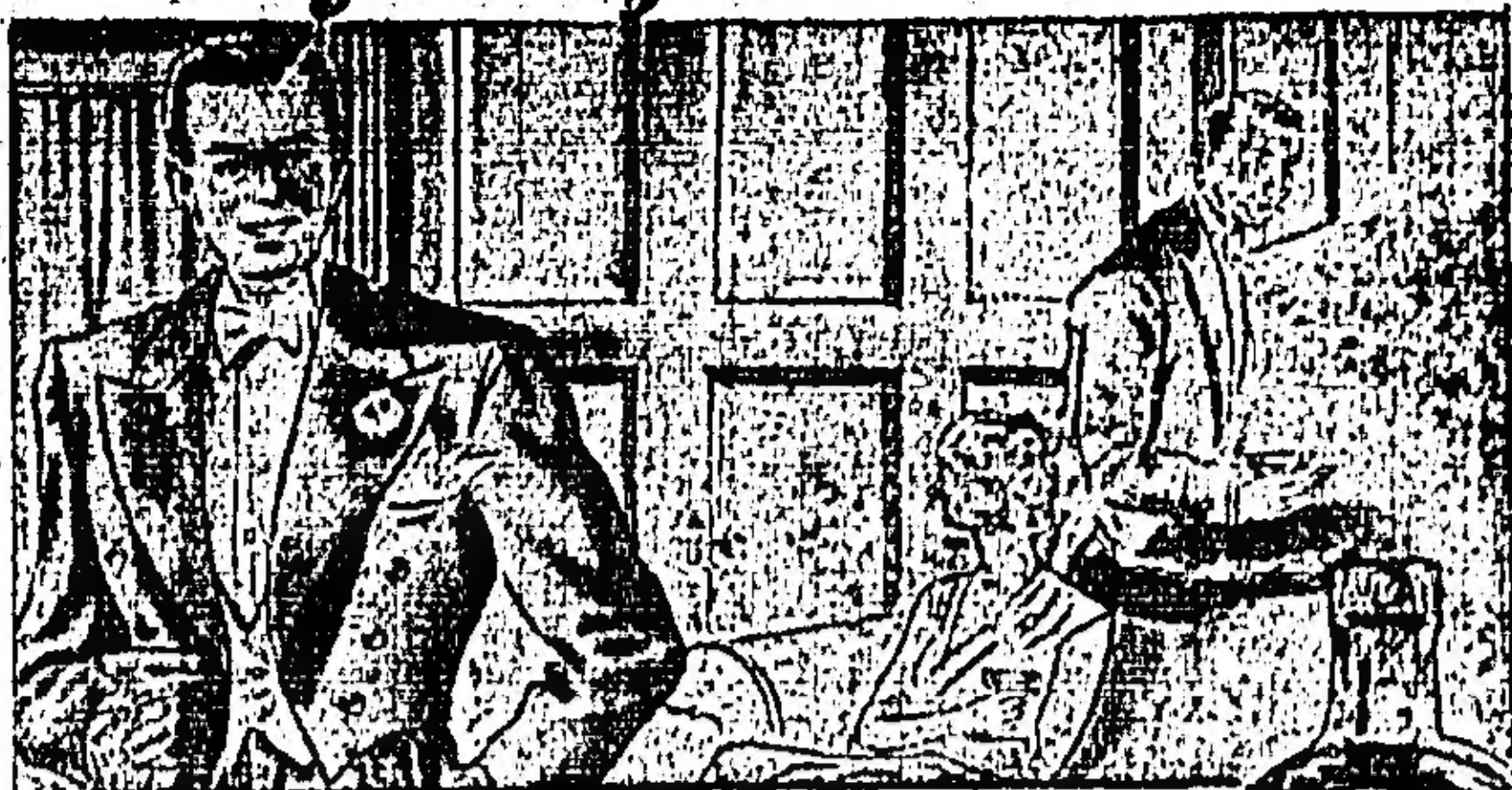
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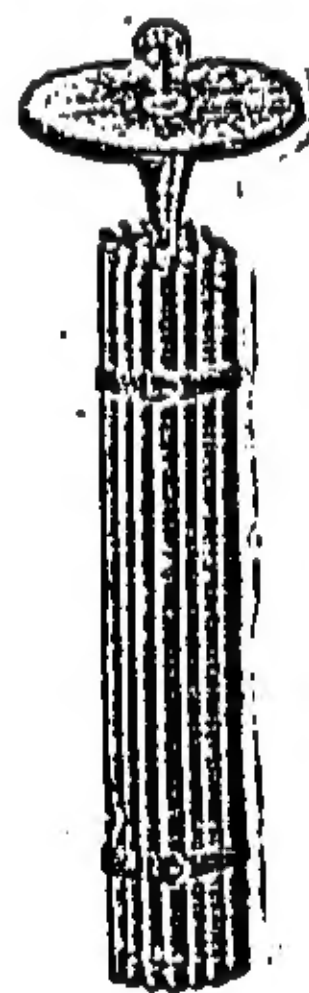
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spontaneous and warm welcome
which last night greeted the arrival
in London of the French President,
M. Lebrun, and his wife.

To-day, cordiality between the
French and British peoples needs no
emphasising. It has been born of
common sacrifices in the past and
a common interest for the future.
Yet these things are not foremost
in the minds of the crowds that last
night welcomed London's dis-
tinguished visitors. The heart of
the Empire has shown its homage
to a President and his wife who
symbolise in their own persons the
highest virtues and rectitude.

That the visit has not also its
political significance it would be
foolish to pretend, but its political
purposes are subordinate to the
fact that M. Lebrun and his
wife are returning the visit which
Their Majesties made to the French
capital last year. Primarily, the
events in London during the three-
day visit will be a demonstration
and a pledge of the friendship be-
tween two nations that have been
drawn closer together in recent
years by a community of sentiment
and of interest. Secondly, but even
more important in ultimate con-
sequences, is the firm conviction that
from this friendship may come a
stronger basis for peace in troubled
Europe. Every aspect of the cele-
brations affords a guarantee of
closer co-operation in conciliation.

No happier result could come
from the visit of the French Pres-
ident than that it should offer that
assurance for the future which the
democracies of Europe seek. These
things will be the concern of M.
Bonnet, the French Foreign Minis-
ter who accompanies the President,
and of British Cabinet Ministers,
who will doubtless be in close con-
tact during the visit. At the mo-
ment they are thrown into the back-
ground.

One of the happiest incidents in
connection with the Presidential visit
was the call made yesterday on
Her Majesty Queen Mary by M.
and Mme. Lebrun who, doubtless,
recalled the occasion on which Her
Majesty and the late King George
V visited Paris during the bleak
days of the Great War.

Equally with M. Lebrun, the
King struck a note of sincere
neighbourliness between the peoples
of France and Great Britain in the
drive from Victoria Station to
Buckingham Palace, where the dis-
tinguished visitors will reside until
Friday.

CARETAKER
at the Foreign Office

LORD HALIFAX

LORD HALIFAX, who
made a notable speech
on the European crisis
yesterday, has many private
virtues which endear him to
his friends.

He is deeply religious; he is
an ardent lover of country life;
he comes from a family in which,
for three generations, the tradi-
tion of public service has been
profound.

He held great public office be-
fore he became Foreign Secre-
tary. Earl Baldwin made him
President of the Board of Educa-
tion, and in 1926, Viceroy of
India.

In that latter capacity he was
not unsuccessful; for at least he
made British Imperialism look
less stark and ugly than it was
under Lord Reading or Lord
Willington.

Lord Halifax belongs to a
class that, I think, is peculiarly
English in outlook.

He is kindly and gentle in
manner. He is always prepared
for compromise on essentials.
He is the perfect country gentle-
man.

He gives impression that his
political life is something ex-

ternal to his real interests. Just
as Earl Baldwin would have
wished—but for the call of duty
—to cultivate his garden, just
as Sir Edward Grey always
longed for his birds, so Lord
Halifax has assured us that he
would rather be Master of Fox-
hounds than Prime Minister.

But the call of duty was too
peremptory to be denied. His
friends think him indispensable
to the Party, so that, for its
sake, he did not avoid the in-
vitation to serve.

He is not a man of clear pur-
pose or of forthright speech.

At bottom, he is a mystic, who
could hardly explain his intel-
lectual processes even to himself.

He dislikes the clear-cut prin-
ciple and the downright mind.
He likes that twilight world of
intuition in which the sentiments
are uttered which all men can
approve.

He distrusts the ideas which
sharply demand practical ap-
plication. He does not like to
know directly where he is going.

He is all for "atmosphere" and
"understandings"—the impalp-
ables which leave you a way out
in either direction.

Since 1936, he has been, per-
haps, the most influential mem-
ber of the National Government
behind the scenes—even more so
with Mr. Chamberlain than with
Earl Baldwin.

Under the former, he has been
the most powerful representa-
tive in the Cabinet of the policy
of appeasement—the instrument
of the country house aristocracy

which has felt that, at all costs,
peremptory to be denied. His
war must be avoided.

He persuaded himself until
Hitler's latest adventure that,
somehow, a deal could be done
which would save Britain from
war. Until last week, no sacri-
fice was too great alongside the
imperative need for peace.

He believed that, wisely
handled, Hitler and Mussolini
could be persuaded to build their
empires without touching our
basic interests. They could be
taught to speak the language of
the gentleman.

War, Lord Halifax believes,
means revolution, and revolu-
tion means a Socialist society.

What, of course, Lord Halifax
refused to see was that all this
was the postulate of his own
thinking. That Hitler and
Mussolini regard the world as an
artichoke that they can eat as
they wish he did not for a mo-
ment contemplate.

That solemn engagements had
no meaning for them he did not
for a moment contemplate. That
they looked upon Great Britain
as the final enemy, to be destroy-
ed when they had a Fascist
Europe under their heel, did not
occur to him.

Hitler talks of
religion

4th day of

"I ASKED HITLER QUESTIONS"

The questions are asked by an interpreter—and answered from
Hitler's best seller, "MEIN KAMPF" ("My Struggle"). Page re-
ferences at the ends of paragraphs refer to an edition issued for
Storm Troopers, an unexpurgated copy of which is used in the
compilation of this series.

Q. YOU have jailed Pastor
Niemöller and dozens of other
Roman Catholic and Protestant
priests. Why?

A. "The ravages caused by the
misuse of religious convictions for
political ends are the worst of
all. Really one cannot take severe
enough action against those miserable
crooks who see in religion a means
which gives them political or busi-
ness advantages."

"These impudent mouthers of lies
sell their faith to the whole world
with stentorian voice—not that they
want to die for their faith, but to
make a better living." (p. 294.)

Q. Are all priests bad?

A. "Among priests there are cer-
tainly such to whom their holy
office is only a means to satisfy their
political ambition; but for such an
unworthy one there are a thousand
and more honourable men." (p. 126.)

Q. Would you like to abolish re-
ligion?

A. "Attack on religious doctrines
is very similar to attack on the
general legal basis of the State; and
just as the latter would end in com-
plete anarchy, so would the former
end in a worthless religious nihilism."
"The politician, however, should
measure the value of a religion less
by its perhaps inherent defects than
by the goodness of an evidently
better substitute. But so long as such
a substitute is apparently non-exist-
ent, the existing one can be destroyed
only by fools or criminals." (pp. 293-
294.)

Q. But religious persecution is a
commonplace in Germany. Are
Nazis enemies of religion?

A. "The movement refuses to take
any standpoint on questions
which either lie outside the frame
of its political work or are un-
important for it. Its purpose is not
a religious reformation but a political
reorganisation of our people. It sees
in both religious faiths (Roman
Catholic and Protestant) equally
valuable supports for the existence
of our people, and therefore, combats
those parties which desire to degrade
this religious and moral foundation
of our people to the instrument of
their party interests." (pp. 272-280.)

Internationally-minded Communist."
(p. 632.)

Q. What do you think of the Roman
Catholic Church?

A. "Although its doctrine in many
points and sometimes quite
superstitiously, conflicts with exact
science and investigation, neverthe-
less it is not prepared to sacrifice the
least syllable of its dogma. It has
recognised very rightly that its power
of resistance does not lie in more or
less conforming itself to the scientific
thinking of the day—which in reality
is always changing—but in holding
rigidly to an established doctrine.
Thus it is stronger to-day than ever."
(p. 513.)

Q. What do you think of Protest-
antism?

A. "Protestantism represents better
the needs of Germanism." (p.
123.)

Q. What do you think of the Jewish
faith?

A. "In actual fact the Jewish re-
ligion is nothing but a doctrine
for preserving the Jewish race." (p.
165.)

Q. What do you think is the value
of religion?

A. "Faith, by helping to lift man
above the level of purposeless
animal life, in truth helps him fortify
and secure his own existence." (p.
416.)

MORE TO-MORROW

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I don't care what you've decided—we're not staying in to-
night! My face is all made up!"

Like Sir Edward Grey, he
could shut his eyes to all that
was unpleasant. He could pay
lip-service to the League. He
could preach a sermon about col-
lective security.

But also, like Sir Edward
Grey, he can admit, as he admit-
ted yesterday, that he was
wrong. He can admit that this
is a real world and that Hitlerism
is a real menace.

What he did not grasp at
Munich he grasps at Prague.
Appeasement could not buy
off the deluge.

He could not transform Hitler
and Mussolini by his noble in-
cantations, so his tone has
changed.

He is not their willing tool.
Nor does he now assume that
the finer their words the more
sincere their intentions.

Much that is reminiscent of
British policy twenty-five years
ago will now creep into the
Foreign Office.

Britain is awakening to the
fact that the gravest danger to
the peace of Europe is the lack
of knowledge of the intimate
interdependence of peace and
democratic institutions.

Noble gestures may soon be
replaced by something radically
new. Pacific words do not bring
appeasement. Piece by piece,
the fortress of democracy has
been surrendered in the past—
that will not continue in the
future.

Lest democracy pay a heavier
price than it already has paid by
the surrender to Fascism, the
lead is to Britain. And our
Foreign Secretary has shown, by
his speech in the House of Lords
yesterday, that the grim as-
sumption that the Dictators can
be won by appeasement is no
longer the policy of Britain.

Many people have feared in the
past that Britain would be car-
ried over into what is effectively
the Fascist camp. Hitler him-
self quelled these fears.

A gentleman does not break
his word. Lord Halifax has too
high a character to feel anything
but repugnance for what hap-
pened in Europe last week.

Munich was described as a
"Gentlemen's Agreement." Bri-
tain, France, Italy and Germany
shook hands on the understand-
ing that was arranged at that
German city. Mr. Chamberlain
courted disfavour at home for
his insistence that his part of
the agreement should be obser-
ved.

That is the position with Lord
Halifax to-day.

To-day's Thought

WHO'S in or out, who moves
this grand machine?
—CHARLES CHURCHILL.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

The Outlook

Too Critical For Conference

London, Mar. 21. The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says it is feared the situation may without warning become too urgent for a time for a conference of the Powers such as suggested by Moscow.

The Anglo-French view apparently is that a clear declaration signed by the principal Powers concerned and open admission of other States would be the most practical first step towards building up a new system of security based on mutual support in Europe.

The correspondent gathers that the Soviet is prepared to join the effort, provided it is satisfied that the Western Powers mean business. The Soviet would not necessarily confine the implications of such a declaration to Eastern Europe.

The writer says the impression was current in diplomatic circles yesterday that circumstances will dictate a pause in the German progress eastward, and it is thought probable that the next immediate German move may be against Lithuania where a coup to annex Memel is believed to be imminent. Apparently Lithuania is not now prepared to offer effective resistance, but it is understood that Poland would make a serious view should German ambition extend into the territory of Lithuania proper.

It is expected, however, that the next major development will come with the presentation of the Italian claims against France.—Reuter.

Joint Declaration Mooted

London, Mar. 21. The rapid drawing up of a declaration by Britain, France, Soviet Union and other Powers which would make it clear that any further acts of aggression will meet collective resistance is now being negotiated in London and other European capitals, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The initiative in this move has been taken by Britain and France, as it is felt that such a step would be the quickest and most effective way of preparing in advance against the dangers in any new and sudden aggressive move. This step follows quickly upon the Soviet suggestions that interested democratic Powers should at once hold a conference to define their attitude, in view of the new situation, and a declaration on the lines mentioned is preferable to a conference at a later date, since it would take far less time to negotiate such an agreement than to arrange a conference.

The Russian attitude towards the British plan appears to be not unfavourable, but the Soviet definitely desire to satisfy themselves that Britain and France are really prepared to act should the occasion arise. It is possible that Russia, as a condition for adhering to the declaration, might stipulate that it be followed by a conference along the lines suggested by Moscow.—Reuter.

Democracies Collaborate

London, Mar. 21. The British Minister to Rumania saw King Carol yesterday, while the Minister for Greece saw the Prime Minister. In the United States the British Minister called on Mr. Sumner Welles, while in London Mr. Joseph Kennedy called on Sir John Simon at Downing Street. In Paris M. Georges Bonnet received the United States and Soviet Ministers and the British Charge d'Affaires.—Reuter Bulletin.

Stern Declaration Soon

London, Mar. 21. A declaration concerning Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia and expressing determination to resist any further German aggression is expected to be made by Europe's new "peace bloc," possibly in the next 48 hours. It is still over early to say how many countries will subscribe thereto, besides Britain, France and Russia, but there is confidence in Whitehall that the influence of these three Powers will prove a strong rallying point for the smaller Powers. It is understood that the Government feels a declaration of opposition to German policy is more useful in the immediate circumstances where they concern the Powers as suggested by Russia. It is argued here that if necessary a full press conference can be held after the declaration has been launched. Nevertheless, it is understood that the conference idea has so far not yet been enthusiastically accepted by the Cabinet. The British Ministers are understood to prefer day to day consultation through diplomatic channels to meet the rapid trend of events.—United Press.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

anemia, semiphore
risotto, annote
anillate, senchal

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

The European Situation

NEW ALIGNMENT AGAINST GERMANY IS INDICATED

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an appeal to the Church leaders to get together to discuss the German menace. He suggests that Pope Pius XII take the initiative, while he promises the support of all Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant Church leaders.

As the outcome of the Anglo-French suggestion of a joint discussion of the European situation, Soviet Russia has advocated a conference of Britain, France, Russia, Rumania, Poland and Turkey. Britain is not opposed to such a proposal. America is unlikely to consent to take an active part, while German comment is defiant. However, England, France and Russia will almost certainly, however, issue a joint united anti-Fascist declaration, and it is expected that the smaller nations will rally to this formal declaration of policy and that a conference can be held later when the situation is less critical.

France is proceeding with the secret partial mobilisation of thousands of reserve specialists and officers. A Paris report claims that movements of German troops are taking place in the region of the East Prussian and Lithuanian frontier.

Far Eastern Problem

London, Mar. 21. Russia makes participation in the planned six-Power agreement dependent on the guarantee of her frontier in the Far East, according to a report of the well-informed diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph this morning.

This condition is explained in Soviet quarters by the belief of the Moscow Government that safe guards against the danger of war only applying to certain regions is not enough, but that peace must be assured everywhere in order to be assured at all.

The Daily Express expects that a six-Power declaration will be completed within the next 48 hours.—Trans-Ocean.

APPEAL BY ARCHBISHOP

London, Mar. 20. In the House of Lords to-day the Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking with regard to the German menace, urged the calling together of all Christians under the leadership of the Pope. "If His Holiness will give the lead I can promise that all leaders of the Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant Churches will give their support."—United Press.

War Improbable

London, Mar. 20. Describing the situation as dangerous, reports of leading Ambassadors despatched to their governments to-day nevertheless characterised an immediate general war as improbable. All agreed in citing the British attempt to prepare an understanding with Russia as the most important phase of Britain's new policy.

Viscount Halifax is scheduled to receive the Polish Ambassador, Count Edouard Racynski, on Tuesday, when he will sound Poland's attitude in joining the proposed "Halt to Aggression Coalition." Britain is vigorously testing the intention of Yugoslavia, Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria.—United Press.

AMERICA WILL NOT SUPPORT WAR WITH TROOPS

Washington, Mar. 21. It is not believed that the U.S. Administration will consent to take an active part in a conference of peaceful Powers.

The contribution which the Administration hopes to make is economic and moral and there would be no support here for participation in a foreign war to the extent of sending armies overseas. It is believed that the assurance that economic weapons would be at the disposal of the Democracies would consolidate the peace front in Europe.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA READY

Melbourne, Mar. 21. The Cabinet meeting which was attended by Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner to Britain, who was to have sailed for London yesterday but was asked to remain by the Premier, agreed in principle to the British proposals for manufacture of aircraft in Australia. The meeting also supported a united stand against aggression.—Reuter Bulletin.

United Front Advocated

Sydney, Mar. 21. The Australian press unanimously advocates a united front of democratic Powers. The Melbourne Herald writes, "The encirclement of Germany by a group of nations determined to preserve their democratic ideals is the only possible answer. Australia approves the new realistic policy against the German menace and welcomes the proposal to bring in Russia."

The Australians generally express the opinion that they must sink or swim with Britain.—Reuter Special.

SOUTH AFRICAN VIEW

Johannesburg, Mar. 21. The Rand Daily Mail says whether Herr Hitler will continue his present policy. A lesser leader will certainly choose war, but Hitler is one of the shrewdest men in the world. He certainly knows facts and may have the strength.—Reuter Special.

PARIS PREPARING

Paris, Mar. 21. The first decrees under the special powers granted to the Government include secrecy regarding mobilisation, increase of personnel of the defence forces and measures to be taken to prohibit publication of information concerning national defence.

The number of working hours in arms factories has been increased to 60, instead of 45 previously, while the capital loan to arms factories has been increased to £3,500,000. The unemployed who refuse to work on arms production will forfeit their rights to the dole for a year.

The French Cabinet, which passed the special powers bill yesterday, had a meeting at the War Ministry immediately afterwards at which the Commander-in-Chief of the North African forces, the Governor of Algeria and Chief of Staff of the Army were present.—Reuter Bulletin.

Economic Talks Stopped

Paris, Mar. 21. French economic negotiations with Germany have been suspended and the negotiators have returned to Paris.—Reuter Bulletin.

War-Time Footing

Paris, Mar. 21. Details of the new decree clearly show the importance of the measure which practically amounts to the mobilisation of industry. The creation of a new post of Director of Production at the War Ministry is practically equivalent to the establishment of a Ministry of Munitions.—Trans-Ocean.

Corsica's Defences

Paris, Mar. 21. The Corsica garrison has been further re-inforced by the arrival at Ajaccio of 800 North African infantry on board the Koutoubia. The Moroccan troops will man the new fortifications on the island which have been greatly strengthened and enlarged since the "Tunis" and "Corsica" have been heard in the French Chamber.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY DEFIANT

Berlin, Mar. 21. The reported British plan for collective international action has brought forth a flood of attacks in the German papers, with defiance as the keynote of the comment. Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "It would be a disastrous error to believe that Germany could be deceived by collective threat of her will to assert herself."—Reuter Special.

NAZIS LYING LOW

Prague, Mar. 20. German troops marched through Prague throughout the day on their way to the east and south-east. It is not known whether the movements have any connection with the severe fighting reported in Carpatho-Ukraine, where the separatist "Sic" Guards are still resisting the Hungarians. The Nazis have pushed their re-organisation drive in Moravia and Bohemia, where Jewish suicides continue. Thousands have been unable to leave the country.—United Press.

Anti British Feeling Fanned

Berlin, Mar. 21. That Germany may be obliged to revise in principle its attitude towards Great Britain and to start on an entirely new diplomatic course in the relations with England is the keynote struck in a communique published by the official German Diplomatic Political Information. The paper asserts that the recall of the German Ambassadors from London and Paris to report to the Reich Government the rejection of the British and French protests were not merely a formal matter, but the expression of discontent of the German Government, especially against Britain's attitude towards the solution of the Czechoslovak question. The attempt to mobilise Rumania and to exercise with this State a new policy against Germany, it adds, is not to be described as criminal, it adds. Commenting upon the efforts now being made in England for a new anti-German alliance policy writes, "The challenge of the British Empire has been understood in Germany. A new league to be organised by England will scare us just as little as did the League of Nations in the past."

The 12 Uhr Blatt brings a list of 10 different lies on which, says the paper, the new anti-German press campaign of hate is based.—Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAK MINISTERS IN BERLIN

Berlin, Mar. 21. The Slovak Ministers, M. Durcansky and Professor Tuka, have arrived here and will continue negotiations about Germany's relations to their country. It is reported that the Premier, Dr. Tiso, is also on his way to Berlin. German circles expect an agreement to be concluded and signed, it is announced, either to-day or tomorrow.

The fact that negotiations have been going on for nearly a week has given rise to persistent rumours that difficulties are being encountered.—Reuter.

Anniversary Of Fascist Regime

Rome, Mar. 21. A meeting of the Grand Council will be held to-day. Preparations are being made for Sunday's celebration of the anniversary of founding the Fascist regime. Loudspeakers have been installed in the main streets of the large towns and it is understood that Signor Mussolini will make a speech before noon.—Reuter Bulletin.

China

Attempt To Assassinate Wang Ching-wei

Hanoi, Mar. 21. Four would-be Chinese assassins visited the secret residence of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, ousted Deputy General Executive of the Kuomintang, in Hanoi at 3 a.m. this morning.

Attacked with pistols, Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, private secretary to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and his wife and one other person were seriously wounded. Mr. Wang Ching-wei was understood to have escaped unhurt.—Domci.

Educated in France, Mr. Tseng Chung-ming was formerly Vice-Minister of Railways in 1932-1935. Formerly a journalist, Mr. Tseng was once Editor of the Huo Nan Monthly in Shanghai.

A United Press message from Shanghai says that a foreign business message from Hanoi reports an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Mr. Wang Ching-wei but gives no details.

It will be recalled that on December 30 when Mr. Wang Ching-wei issued a statement advocating peace with Japan and supporting the peace principles as laid down by an earlier statement by Prince Kono, former Japanese Premier, indignation arose. At a subsequent meeting of officials in Chungking, Wang was dismissed from all posts. Mr. P. S. Lin, former Secretary of Mr. Wang, was attacked in Hongkong.

Spain

Franco Wants Interned Fleet

Burgos, Mar. 21. The obstacles in the path of normalisation of Franco-Spanish relations and the difficulties which have prevented the newly-appointed French Ambassador, Marshal Petain, from presenting his credentials to the National Spanish Government, although he has been waiting in San Sebastian for several days, were announced last night over the National Spanish radio.

Before normal relations between the two countries can be considered, the Republican fleet interned in Biserta harbour must be turned over to General Franco, the equipment of the Republican army which has been taken across the French frontier must be returned, and the livestock of Spanish peasants which has been driven into France and sold must be paid for.

Political circles evidence considerable surprise over the fact that the difficulties preventing resumption of the relations between the two countries are thus publicly announced. France is sharply attacked in the radio broadcast, the speaker declaring that the French Government has endeavoured in every way possible to hinder the task of reconciliation.—Trans-Ocean.

TROOPSHIP ARRIVES

Wife of Malayan G.O.C. On Visit to Colony

The troopship Lancashire arrived in Hongkong yesterday with 550 naval details and army personnel. Mrs. Dobbie, wife of the G.O.C., Malaya, was a passenger, and will be a guest of Major General and Mrs. A. E. Grasett at Flagstaff House.

Among the passengers are Lieut. Col. F. D. Field, L.C., R.A., Lieut. C. E. Olway, R.E., Lieut. D. C. Russell, R.E., Lieut. J. Riddale (for Japan), Miss M. Sharp, Sister Z. Hildkiss and Sister E. C. Gibbs of the Q.A.I.M.S. (for India via Hongkong), Q.M.S. W. J. Joff and family, eighteen families of NCO's and Privates and 80 NCO's and Privates.

A few details are going to Shanghai and Tientsin.

The Lancashire leaves for the United Kingdom on March 28.

VISIT TO MACAO

H.E. Major General A. E. Grasett and Brigadier A. B. Thomson will visit Macao on April 4 probably making the trip in one of H.M. Ships.

is announced, either to-day or tomorrow. The fact that negotiations have been going on for nearly a week has given rise to persistent rumours that difficulties are being encountered.—Reuter.

Britain

French President In London

Channel Escort By Planes, Warships

London, Mar. 21. President and Madame Lebrun set foot in England in the early afternoon. They left Paris by special train which was gaily decorated and at the station they were farewelled by Cabinet Ministers.

At Chislehurst the President inspected a guard of honour, after which he boarded the Channel steamer specially prepared for him. The vessel left the French harbour French warships fired a salute of 21 guns.

In mid-Channel the steamer was met by British warships and a squadron of R.A.F. planes which escorted the President to Dover where the Duke of Gloucester welcomed him on behalf of the King. Their Majesties received the President and Madame Lebrun at Victoria station.—Reuter Bulletin.

Political Significance

London, Mar. 21. In welcoming the French President all newspapers make reference to the unexpected political importance which, owing to the events of the last few days, the visit has acquired, and emphasise that the lies which unite the two countries are recognised more clearly than ever before.

Referring to conversations that will be held during the visit The Times says that both M. Bonnet, who accompanies M. Lebrun, and Lord Halifax have been engaged during the last week in a whole series of conversations with the Ministers of countries which have been alienated by the German policy of violence, and which are drawn together by common ideas as to how dealings of the state with state should be conducted.

Recalling the hopes entertained at the close of the Royal visit to Paris last July, The Times says, "It was hoped then that Germany would be one of a community of nations basing themselves on fair dealing and would accept the need of restraint and consultation which any association of nations always necessarily imposes. But Herr Hitler has chosen otherwise. As Lord Halifax said in the House of Lords, yesterday, he has completely repudiated the spirit of the Munich Agreement, the essence of which was that an advance from it to a general settlement should be achieved by way of consultation. He consulted his own will with no one but his own subordinates."—British Wireless.

France

Government To Buy Famous Picture

Tokyo, Mar. 21. The French Government is negotiating with the Ohara Art Gallery at Kurashiki in Okayama Prefecture to purchase the "Annunciation," the masterpiece of El Greco, famed Spanish artist, the Chugai Shogyo reports.

The paper says that the masterpiece, priced at Yen 1,000,000, attracted the curiosity of the late Japanese painter, Mr. Torajima, who found it in a shop in Paris in 1920 and recommended it to his patron, Mr. Bagasaburo Ohara, proprietor of the Ohara Art Gallery.

The picture changed hands for Yen 60,000 and was brought to Japan in 1920. The painting, of a large size represents Mary and Angel in a striking composition characteristic of El Greco.

The "Annunciation" was painted by El Greco in 1570 by order of the Spanish King, Philip II, but subsequently found its way to Paris during the Eighteenth Century.—Domci.

China-Russia

New Air Line Ready This Week

Chungking, Mar. 21. It is confirmed that the new Chungking-Hami air line will be inaugurated on March 24 with Chinese pilots and crew. It will be under the direct control of the Ministry of Communications, the planes belonging to the Ministry.

The Chungking-Hami line represents the easternmost section of the forthcoming Chungking-Moscow air line which will bring air communication between Chungking and Moscow within four days.

Following the inauguration of the Chungking-Hami section, another linking Hami and Almaty will be opened, the Soviet being able to govern Almaty on the Soviet aviation network linked up with Moscow. A passenger ticket for the single journey from Chungking to Hami will cost 1,150 yuan and air mail postage will be 30 cents.—United Press.

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The memoranda explaining the items are as follows:

Estimates, 1939

Volunteer Defence Corps Ammunition \$5,378. Required for small arms ammunition ordered in 1938 and not yet paid for.

Motor Turntable Fire Engine Chassis \$305. A motor turntable fire engine chassis was purchased in 1938, but the Crown Agents' charges for insurance (including war risks) of this item were not received until this year.

Diphone for Waglan \$3,100. Provision was made in the Estimates of \$40,023, \$3,300 of this in 1938 at the end of the year. A revote of \$3,100 is requested to meet the cost of alterations to a building at Waglan necessary for the installation of the diphone, for which no provision has been made in the 1939 Estimates.

"Short" Rubber Buoys for Flying Boats \$5,000. On grounds of economy, the order for these buoys was not placed until the latter end of 1938, and payment was not made by the Crown Agents until after the end of the year.

Air Services Rent of Public Telephone \$240. It is necessary in interests of the public service to provide public telephones for the Superintendent of Aerodrome and the Marine Supervisor.

Legal Expenses \$8,000. The Crown Agents' account for January, 1939, contains an item of \$8,852 in respect of professional services in connexion with the appeal to the Privy Council of Chung Chi Cheung against sentence of death passed upon him in Hongkong.

Naval Arsenal Yard and Kellet Island \$40,852. The final payment in respect of the transfer to Government of the Naval Arsenal Yard has now become due, and provision for this payment was not included in the current Estimates.

Total of all votes, \$414,145.

Mental Hospital

Conversion of Nursing Sisters' Quarters, G.C.H. to a Mental Hospital \$34,500. The increasing number of patients received in the Hongkong Mental Hospital has rendered necessary an immediate extension to the existing premises. It is proposed to meet this need by converting the former Nursing Sisters' Quarters at the old Government Civil Hospital.

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New Orleans Healthier

New Orleans, New Orleans, a slightly healthier city in 1938, according to statistics of the city board of health. In estimating the present population at 523,000, the board said the death rate was 15.44 per thousand, compared with 15.50 in 1937, and 17.31 in 1936.

CONTINENTAL

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"H. D." DEFEATS KWOK: SIRDAR BEATS G. CHOA

Though George Choa did not succeed in beating that seasoned campaigner, S. A. Rumjahn, in the second round of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, he may have the satisfaction of knowing that he put up a very fine fight and that only lack of experience perhaps prevented him from giving even a better account of himself:

In defeat, however, he triumphed; for from the purist's point of view, it was he who played the better tennis. Whereas his veteran opponent's style, as always was inclined to be cramped and sometimes awkward, his was free and easy and at times his play reached a very high standard indeed. But he lacked stability and made mistakes when he could ill afford them. A little steadiness here and a little more forcefulness there would have made a great difference to the result as far as he was concerned.

For instance, had he but seen that Rumjahn was willing under the sustained accuracy of his drives on both wings in the early stage of the game, he might have forced the pace a little more when he was leading by 4-1 and thus taken advantage of Rumjahn's uncertainty, which was very evident at this period. Instead, he allowed his opponent to recover.

Indeed Rurnjahn recovered so well that he levelled the scores at 4-4, and though Choa took the lead once again at 5-4, the Indian managed to square the games once more. Thereafter it was obvious that he had got over his uncomfortable period and he won the next two games for the set.

In the second set, Choa was again able to hold his own and actually led 3-2 and 4-3. But embarking on a net campaign, Rumjahn then forced Choa into a number of errors, and won out in the tenth game.

If only he had clinched the first set when he was presented with two opportunities of doing so, F. H. Kwoluh might have made H. D. Kumjahn's task considerably harder. But he missed them both, and Ramjahn, after winning the set at 7-5, was never troubled again, and advanced severely into the third round. The second set was comparatively easy.

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

Although Jiro Yamagishi, national amateur singles and doubles champion of Japan for several years, has been offered a place on the Japanese Davis Cup team for the fifth consecutive year, it is doubtful if he will accept it, says the *Nichi Nichi*.

The 26-year-old court star, who graduates from Keio University this spring, referred to his statement last December, in which he declared that he was retiring from tournament tennis this year in order to start a business career with the Asahi Glass Company.

He already has signed a contract with the company, he says, and feels that he cannot abrogate it. He also is more interested in his future security than in winning tennis laurels.

The announcement that he will not play this year for the Japanese Davis Cup tennis team has behind it the personal problem which confronts every champion amateur athlete—that is, whether to continue athletics indefinitely or to settle down and seek a job immediately.

Although his team-mate of the 1959 Davis Cup team, Fumiteru Nakanishi, has already accepted a place on this year's team, Yamagishi, who is Japan's No. 1 player, some time ago startled Japanese tennis circles by expressing doubts as to his participation.

Yamagishi has been top player in Japanese tennis tours for several years now. Although his expressed intention not to play has greatly disappointed fans, the majority of them are wholly in sympathy with his motive.

Interviewed by the Osaka Mainichi, Yamagishi reiterated his rejection of the bid.

Two quarter-final matches in the Colony Badminton Championships were played last evening on the Tai-koo court.

In the Senior Men's Singles, K. L. Yung defeated M. A. Oliveira by 15-5, 15-7, and in the Mixed Doubles, P. K. Hul and Miss Ullan Khoo (holders) beat A. Koowa and Miss R. Summers 15-12, 10-17 and 15-0.

Above were the players who took part in the cricket match last Sunday between Jardine, Matheson and Co. and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The match, played on the Civil Service C.C. ground, resulted in a win for Jardine's by 19 runs.—Photo by *Nice Chung.*

Dockyard Club Beaten By Range Staff

There was a good attendance at Stonecutters on Saturday, and the usual high standard of shooting was witnessed.

The Range Staff and Dockyard Rifle Club shot off their match for the Bellios Shield Competition, and this resulted in a win for the Range Staff by 42 points. The Dockyard, however, are to be congratulated on the excellent show they put up against their more redoubtable opponents.

The scores are shown below:

RANGE STAFF				
S.R. (b)				
	200	500	600	Totals
Cpt. F. Cole	33	33	30	96
P. O. Silcock	30	34	50	94
P. O. Swan	30	33	20	83
S.R. (a)				
Sgt. Heap	29	32	31	92
P. O. Richards	30	28	31	89
Capt. Carless	20	31	31	82

H.M. - Dockyard				
S.R. (b)				
W. Austin	31	31	30	32
J. Boulton	31	30	30	30
J. Trenouth	31	28	29	30
S.R. (a)				
W. K. Gillman	28	28	23	31
C. A. Hyett	22	30	27	31
W. Wilson	20	28	27	29

Scores in the Spoon shoot were:

		S.R. (b)			
		200	500	600	T
	Mne. P. Heather (scr.) ..	32	31	33	1
	Mr. J. G. Biles (D)	31	34	31	1
S	Pr. Sub. L. B. M. Dalen ..	33	32	31	1
	(3)	33	33	30	1
n	P.O. F. Coie (2)	30	34	30	1
e	P.O. D. J. Silcock (scr.) ..	30	30	33	1
	Cadot G. P. Carey (1) ..	32	30	33	1
t,	L/Cpl. V. Hammond (1) ..	30	32	31	1
	C.P.O. F. J. Davey (2) ..	31	32	30	1
	Capt. F. P. Squevra (scr.) ..	29	32	31	1
	(3)	29	32	31	1

Mr. W. Austin (scr.)	...	31	31	30
Mr. G. I. Haulton (1)	...	31	30	30

gn	Mr. L. W. Peckham (4)	32	30	29
gn	P. C. Charan Singh (4)	32	31	31
c	Mr. C. S. Chatterjee (4)	32	31	31
a	L/Cpl. O. A. Ribeiro (3)	29	33	29
	Mr. L. C. Thomas (3)	29	33	29
	Mr. J. C. Thomas (2)	31	29	27
	Mr. J. C. Swath (2)	33	33	30
ve	P.O. J. D. D'Aquino (3)	33	31	30
	Sgt. W. Nunn (5)	29	27	30
	Sgt. V. P. Balceron (5)	29	27	30
	W. Croft (5)	30	29	28
of	Sgt. V. M. Nunes (5)	30	29	28
	Sgt. W. M. Nunes (5)	30	29	28
are	Mr. W. Albino (5)	30	29	28
	Mr. C. A. Hyett (8)	22	30	27
	L/Cpl. J. W. Xavier (7)	23	23	24
036	E.R.A. A. Townsend (12)	27	27	27
mp-	Identities winner of the "Hippo"			
Spoon,	winner of "N" or "H" spoon.			
gn	his handicap reduced by one point.			

London, Mar. 1
The British Boxing Board of Control announce they have received from Tommy Farr £280 in settlement of a claim by Sydney Hill. The Board states: "This sum has been paid by Farr the suspension withdrawn and the boxer's license Farr is reinstated."—Reuter.

This amount was claimed by Hill and supported by the Board, as the result of a suit brought by Hill of the promoters profits of the fight between Farr and Food in May 1937.

Navy & South China 'A' Still Neck To Neck

ONE of the peculiarities of the Oceania Soccer matches played last Saturday was the way in which the results of the important matches worked out. South China "A", confidently expected to beat the Police, were defeated, and this result considerably jeopardised their prospects for the championship but for the fact that the Royal Navy, the present leaders, were themselves defeated by Eastern. And the position at the top of the table remained unchanged. It is an interesting situation. The Navy, with one more match left to be played, have a total of 20 points and South China "A", with three more games, have 20 points. This means that the Royal Navy can win their place in the fixture, they will remain themselves in a very good position. Piquancy is added the fact that the Navy's last game is against South China "A". The championship thus

Dublin, Mar. 21.
The second day's proceedings of the Sweepstakes commenced with the draw of 50 residual prizes of £842 each. Of these America had 26, Europe 12 and Ireland three.

Then followed the £100 consolation prizes. America again had the greatest slice of the 1,300 prizes, getting 715 of them, while Europe was next with 316.—International Press Bureau.

(By A. Wallis Myers)

Nice, Feb. 10.
Mme. Mathieu avenged defeat by Miss Wheeler at Cannes by beating the American in the final of the women's singles, 4-0, 6-2, yesterday. The French champion had complete control of the ball; Miss Wheeler had none. And maintaining a poor driving length throughout. Miss Wheeler's volleying excursions were fruitless.

In the men's singles semi-final Khor Sin Kie and Tannesesco, both in irresistible form, had quick triumphs. The Chinese beat Lesueur, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2, and the Rumanian conceded Hecht only seven games.

In the final to-day Rumania won for the first time, when Tanneseo beat Kho Sin' Kie after a five-set match, the score being 2-0, 6-2, 3-0, 6-4, 6-1.

It was Kho Sin Kle's third year and he had the bad luck to be attacked with cramp when leading 4-2 in the fourth set. Tannescaw who has great tenacity and is a stocky tireless player with a keen eye, took the next eight games.

Kho Sin Kie was obliged to scratch from the doubles final with Brugnon against Hecht and Caspers. This again was the third year for the holders, so the Chinese lost permanent possession of both cups.

At the end of to-day's play at Sandwich in the annual Inter-University golf match, Cambridge led Oxford by three matches to one, with one holeved in the foursomes.

Ten singles matches will be played to-morrow.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 21.
Early Tourist has been added to the list of probable starters in the Lincolnshire. No jockey has been assigned yet.—Reuter.

Breeders Told How Thoroughly Strain Has Been Kept For Two Hundred Years — Compared With French Horses

London.
In spite of the number of French Classic winners, the Earl of Rosebery maintains that British thoroughbred race horses are still the best in the world. Lord Rosebery is chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and at the annual meeting at Newmarket he described the task of keeping the strain pure.

REGULATIONS TIGHTENED

In 1909 it was pointed out that according to this ruling many American horses were able to gain entrance to the Stud Book through their wed far from being thoroughbred. In 1915 it was decided that the American-bred horse could not be considered eligible for a

Horses and mares which could not be traced in every line of their ancestry, were not eligible for the English Stud Book and were not entitled to be described as thoroughbred.

between leading breeders it was decided that a claim to admission to the Stud Book should be based on satisfactory proof of eight or nine crosses of pure blood, and that an animal should trace back at least a century and show such performance.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

YATES WILL DEFEND HIS AMATEUR TITLE

American Golfer's Long Journey For A Gamble: May Repeat His Feat

London, March 1.

Charles Yates, of Atlanta, Georgia, who won the British Amateur Championship last year, will defend his title at Hoylake in the week beginning May 22.

Aged twenty-five, and an outdoor representative of a banking house, Yates was a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team which was beaten at St. Andrews last year for the first time in the history of the event.

He emulated the achievement of his friend, R. T. Jones, by winning the championship from one of the strongest fields ever assembled. Yates is the fifth American holder of the title in the last eight years, and on the last four visits of the U.S. team a member of it has returned home British champion. It is a wonderful record of American efficiency and determination. With the exception of his first-round match against Fischer, a member of the U.S. team, and the semi-final against Hector Thomson, both of which he won at the nineteenth, Yates was never seriously pressed. Standing upright and punching the ball hard and true with a well-controlled swing, he was the only American player capable of producing a consistently high standard of golf throughout a week of strong winds and heavy rain.

As a putter Yates lived up to the reputation of all first-class American golfers. Without fuss or irritating preliminaries, he rapped the ball firmly at the hole. It was principally in this department of the game that he beat the giant Irishman, Cecil Ewins, by 2 and 2 in the final.

A GREAT FAVOURITE

Yates' breezy manner, which makes him a great favourite among the crowd, is in striking contrast to the life-and-death attitude adopted by most players of the championship class. He laughs at his mistakes, cracks jokes with the caddy, and talks to anybody; in fact, he treats the whole thing as good fun. After winning he said "Well, I was just lucky; if the championship were played again, any of the British boys might bump me off in the first round."

Though not expecting to be "bumped off" in the first round at Hoylake, Yates is fully aware that in travelling 8,000 miles there and

back to defend his title he is undertaking a tremendous gamble. "I shall do my best, of course, but it is too much to hope that I shall be lucky enough to win again." Still, what his compatriot, Lawson Little, achieved in 1934-5 is not beyond the capacity of Yates.

He has an additional incentive to win at Hoylake, for it was there, in 1935 that the master golfer Jones, a fellow member of his home club, by winning the Open, made it possible to accomplish the greatest feat of all time—the Grand Slam of golf.

A GREAT RECORD

Hoylake produced two outstanding figures in the game, John Ball and Harold Hilton, who, between them, won fifteen national championships, a record that no two men, members of the same club, are ever likely to equal.

The three post-war winners of the Amateur title at Hoylake are W. J. Hunter, a Post Office telegraphist, who went to America and turned professional; Dr. W. Tweddell, of Stourbridge, who captained the British Walker Cup team; and the Hon. Michael Scott, who astonished the younger generation by winning at the age of fifty-five. That was seven years ago, and Scott is still playing first-class golf, though he would ridicule the suggestion that he was capable of repeating that famous victory.

While, on this occasion, he will have few, if any, of the leading American players to contend against, Yates will meet stern opposition in J. Ferrier, an Australian champion, and James Bruen, the Irish youth who missed last year's championship in order to concentrate all his energies on the Walker Cup match.

Yates and Bruen met in that contest, and it is not without significance as a guide to this year's championship that the American only won at the thirty-fifth hole—2 and 1.

MERIT MAY WIN

Having, meanwhile, gained much valuable experience, it would not be surprising if Bruen turned the tables on Yates. Of all the younger players, Bruen is the most likely to win the championship.

Besides having an undoubted flair for the game, his self-confidence is supreme. To see him sitting in the shooting-stick calmly viewing the surroundings whilst an opponent plays his shot is a sight not usually associated with a youth of eighteen. That Bruen is a golfer of all-round merit is shown by his wonderful score of 282 from the championship tee at St. Andrews during the Walker Cup trials, winning a total of 285 in the Open of 1927.

Given a little luck, with which all winners of championships are favoured, the Irish youth, who combines great length with accuracy, may well turn out to be the new British champion.

There are other players, of course, in the running, among them Thomson, Scotland's No. 1 player; L. G. Crawley, a mighty hitter, who, if practice and determination count for anything, should win everything; A. T. Kyle, a young Scotsman from Leeds, who was one of last year's "discoveries"; Gordon Peters, a Glasgow golfer of proved ability; and Frank Pennink, English champion for the last two years, a player who goes on hitting the ball down the middle with a persistency calculated to break through the defences of any opponent.

A DIFFICULT COURSE

At full stretch Hoylake is 7,200 yards, the longest of all the championship courses, and also one of the most difficult; the last five holes providing one of the severest of tests.

The man who wins at Hoylake will be a worthy champion, for he will



WOMAN SQUASH RACKETS TEAM from America, visiting England for the International match for the Wolf-Noel Cup, in which they were defeated by the English team. Left to right: Miss Anne Pace (Capt.), Miss E. Pearson, Miss B. William, Miss F. Schlarman, Miss M. Bostwick and Miss H. Stone.

KOWLOON GOLF

W. Bastin Wins Captain's Cup Competition

W. Bastin (12) won the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition recently, beating W. C. Simpson (8), 7 and 5. The Hong Foursumes final was won by the Harbour Office (R. K. Collins, 5, and T. B. Low, 10), who beat the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels (F. C. Barry, 9, and E. O. Murphy, 14) by 4 and 3.

R.A. GOLF MEETING

The Royal Artillery Golf Meeting will be held at Fanling on Monday, April 3, by kind permission of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Serving and retired Officers of the Royal Artillery are eligible to compete, and enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, R.A. Golf Meeting, Headquarters, China Command.

be called upon not only to drive far and sure, but to play every conceivable type of shot. In a high wind the course is a veritable nightmare to all but the strongest players, and, certainly, it is no place for the bigger and lighter ball.

It is possible that the fourteen clubs rule which has received the partial blessing of St. Andrews, may be put into operation prior to the championship, in which case players will require to undertake a drastic overhaul of their present equipment.

In some cases as many as six and eight clubs will need to be weeded out, but, generally speaking, the number will be small, as many players have found that the match set of fourteen clubs is ample for all purposes.

It might be as well to point out that, while a player cannot borrow a club from his partner, or opponent, as the case may be, he is permitted to replace a broken club during the course of the round. The point has been raised as to whether a player, having reached the ninth hole, can start the homeward journey with an entirely new set of fourteen clubs.

Though nothing to the contrary has been laid down in the proposed new regulation it is only reasonable to suppose that a player must finish the round with the set of clubs with which he started, exceptions being made only in the case of replacements by accidental breakages. In all other instances, the spirit of the rule must be observed.

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Cricket

Major Swyer 93 Not Out For R.A.M.C.

The R.A.M.C. beat the 40th. Coy. Royal Engineers by 69 runs in a semi-final cricket match of the Small Units Knock-out competition, played at Sookunpoo on Sunday and Monday. The Medicals batted first on Sunday, and, except for S/Sgt. Patterson, few of the early batsmen could make many runs against the bowling of Q.M.S. Goodger and Cpl. Denyer, and at one time had lost 7 wickets for 60 runs. Major Swyer and Cpl. Shorthouse became associated, and took the score to 100 before separation. Major Swyer, 93 before separation, played a brilliant innings, subduing at first, but hitting out vigorously after tea. Goodger's 6 wickets for 43 was a very fine performance.

The Royal Engineers batted for half an hour on Sunday before stumps were drawn, and in that time lost one wicket; score at the close was 24 for 1. On Monday, L/Sgt. Shipp, Spr. Pike and Q.M.S. Buckle gave assistance to Spr. Bailey (32), but with L/Sgt. Land and L/Sgt. Lowe unable to bat through injuries, the Engineers lost their eight wickets for 144 runs.

The scores were:

Medical Corps				
S/Sgt. Patterson, b Denyer	34			
Cpl. Webb, c Lowe b Goodger	4			
Spr. Bailey, c Shipp b Denyer	10			
Sgt. Smith, b Goodger	63			
Major Swyer, not out	93			
Cpl. Wyre, c Shipp b Goodger	9			
Cpl. Leveing, b Denyer	11			
Cpl. Shorthouse, c Bailey b Goodger	11			
Cpl. Parkin, c and b Goodger	10			
Extras	2			
Total	215			

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Goodger	20.5	5	43	6
Denyer	25	3	73	4
Shipp	8	1	32	1
Pike	3	2	27	1
Lowe	2			

40TH. COY. R.E.

Q. M. S. Goodger, c Smith b Green	17			
Sgt. Carpenter, b Harvey	52			
Spr. Bailey, c Smith b Webb	3			
Cpl. Denyer, b Harvey	3			
L/Sgt. Shipp, c Shorthouse b Wyre	20			
Cpl. Leveing, b Denyer	11			
Spr. Pike, b Smith	12			
L/Sgt. Chandler, c Patterson b Webb	0			
L/Cpl. Hawkins, not out	23			
Extras	0			
Total (8 wks.)	144			

L/Sgt. Land and L/Sgt. Lowe were absent injured.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Harvey	10	5	36	1
Smith	42	1	31	1
Wyre	3	1	29	1
Webb	3	1	3	3

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) amnesia—riddle—annihilate. scaphopore—annote—annihilate.

Hongkong Ponies Are Classified

The following are the Classification Lists of the Australian and China ponies at Happy Valley, issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club on March 20:

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

"A" Class—Able Amazon, Court- ing Eve, Double Finesse, Electron, Gypsy Love, Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad and Strathgry.

"B" Class—A Grand Time, Ajax, Aztec, Blandford, Brutus, Candel- light, Centre Court, Chiltern, Cocklehol, Crifed, Derby Day, Devonian, Flinders River, Gale, Golden Arrow, Happy Landings, High Jump, Janber, Katinka, King's Herald, King's Privilege, Loquacious, Magic, National Victory, Ranger, Rising Star, Rivulet, Sea King, Snowy River, Sydney Lad, Tarsan, Tevot- dale, Toronado Star, Triumphant Day, Victory Day, Vixen Tor and Winfred.

"C" Class—African Diamond, A Great Time, A Lovely Time, Amber II, Annabella, Bag Tor, Balatoc, Bre- don, Bruno, Calmsmore, Cape York, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz, Hellum, Little Audrey, Macquarie River, Murray River, Olympiad Court, Perfect Day, Pocomo, Pum- pkinick, Hoodfly, Ruby Star, Schmetterer, Strathcarrick, Twilight Star, Violet Queen and Zodiac.

"CHINA PONIES

"A" Class—Bear Claw, Camer- onian, Confusion Bay, Desert Chief, Happy Eve, King's Warden, Navy- light and Rose Elect.

"B" Class—Avon, Blue Express, Boat Bay, Commencement Bay, Conquering Time, Eve of Harvest, Eve of Heaven, Expansion Time, Galaxy, Gladiator, Half-Moon Eve, Handicap Eve, Havoc Eve, Honey- moon Eve, Humdrum Eve, Hyndford Bridge, Jobber, Just in Time, Lan- cashire Lass, Lulliber, Moonlight View, New Star, Oak Bay, Peaceful View, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Royal Scot, Soldier of Britain, Tampa Bay and Wild Life.

"C" Class—Alligator, Amberley, Apollis, Blaire, Blue Diamond, Bright View, Celtic Star, Dawn Star, Eng- lish Cavalier, Forgotten Star, Gal- veston Bay, Gold Coin, Hecla View, Jennifer, King Kong, King's Lead, Lady Love, Lancashire Boy, Laugh- ing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Lovely Star, Marksman, Mayber, Musketeer, National Defence, National Pride, Night View, Pinfallings, Rose Emily, Rose Evelyn, Rose Flanagan, Rose-Queen, Salvage Master, Seaside View, Smiling Thru, Soldier of China, Taming Master, The Tigress, Tyne, Viber and Wild Cat.

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SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual athletic sports of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be held on the Kowloon Football Club's ground on March 30, commencing at 1 p.m. Mrs. W. L. Handyside has consented to distribute the prizes.

Racing Boy, Riddum Star, Ring Master, Royal Highness, Shipmaster, Silver Star, Smiling Time, Sports Venture, Starlet, Strathbannock, Sun- light View, Sylvandale, Tabby Cat, Talkative, Tempest, The Leopard, This Time, Tiny Tim, Tribute, Valo- rus, Wenning, Whalsey, Wilber, Wild Bear, Willynilly and Zero.

"B" Class—Abrabian Cat, Argon, Ascot Vale, Avalon, Battleship, Black Diamond, Blisdon, Bogy, Charcoal, Charlybelle, Cyclone, Dark Hazard, Dew-Jones, Fairchild, Gallant Mar- shal, Gaucho, George, Gog, Gold Tower, Green Bay, Heddon, Heriot, High Tower, King's Parade, Lambeth Bridge, Lucky Eleven, Mayfair Court, National Dignity, National Liberty, National Service, New Batman, Old Fashioned, Opening Batman, Old Horse, Some Hope, Sports Gesture, Stymlie, Sunshine Suse, Thankgiv- ing Day, The Buccaneer, The Grey Tiger, The Mermale, The Spirit of St. Louis, Tiger Eyes, True Love, Welcome and Yum Sing.

BASEBALL LEAGUE

At a meeting of the Hongkong Baseball League last night various new rules for participation were decided upon and a new committee elected.

Major V. E. Duclos was elected President, F. J. Molton vice-Presi- dent, Barros Treasurer, Roy Lau Secretary, and F. V. Molton, Roy Lau, Bill Smith and C. Horton Grounds Committee.

Following discussion the following decisions were reached at the meet- ing:

The closing date for entries for the League games will be April 14 at 5 p.m., a meeting of the League to be held at 6 p.m. the same day.

Entrance fees will be \$15, with a further \$50 fee for membership ticket.

The ball used in any League game must be supplied by the League.

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Do You Wear A Label?

Do you stand on your own feet, socially, I mean? Or do you go about your little world labelled always as Somebody's wife or Somebody's daughter, or even as a cousin of a famous Somebody Else?

Just pause a moment for a little stocktaking on the subject. You may get quite a shock to discover that unconsciously and by your own actions you have put yourself into the second group! And it is not a comfortable nor a happy place to belong!

Every woman, if she really sits down to think about it, wants to be valued by her friends for herself alone. She wants to be welcomed at parties because she is good company and have her invitations accepted with glee because she is personally a good hostess. But does she always remember that "personal value" when she meets strangers for the first time?

In her effort to establish herself, to prove that she is really an interesting person to know, she is not always content to depend on her personality alone.

Building a Background

In the first half-hour she is mentioning, quite casually, of course, that she is related to this well-known

person and that she was at school with that girl who is now a famous author. She "backs herself up" with an interesting background as she can muster, and before she quite knows where she is, she is floating into a new social scene with somebody else's label round her neck. It is also very easy, and so very human. A dull little woman gets herself invited out regularly because her brother has just joined the ranks of industrial peers, and the aunt of a famous actress suddenly finds that people who are content with a feeling of second-hand glamour want her company for afternoon tea. You may think that is exaggerated, but it is not in the least. I know from personal experience.

Many people seem to demand labels for their friends, and they add them even when they are absolutely superfluous. A perfectly charming girl who is building up a good career as an artist is introduced: "You must meet Miss So-and-So. She's the granddaughter of a very famous surgeon, you know, and her uncle is Sir Such-and-Such."

Or you have the rather negative woman with nothing to say: "I dare say she isn't very interesting herself, but her daughter is Lady What-not and she has met Lord So-and-So several times."

Not a Snobbish Trait

There is a snobbish tang about that, but actually it is not such a snobbish trait. It is only that certain types of women like labels—any sort of labels—and if their friends and acquaintances don't wear sufficiently bright ones of their own they will add another. It is not enough for them to say of a woman: "She's such a bright, amusing person," so they add "she's related to Lord What's His Name," who is probably a dull, uninteresting person.

Of course, if you have a famous or even infamous relative it is pretty difficult to shake off the label. And it is not easy to go about the world denying that your brother has made great headway in his profession or that your sister-in-law has her name in lights!

But you can at least refrain from tying the label round your neck yourself. Don't use it for introductions, and don't respond at all to people who are obviously not interested in you until they read the label. If you are lucky enough to have no handy label in your family, don't invent one. Don't try to create fame for your sons or glamour for your daughters. Don't bolster up your husbands or your father's success, and fill your conversation with details of the grandeur you knew at home "in the good old days."

If you can't stand on your own feet socially, don't try to stand at all. If you don't make friends and keep them because you are a nice person yourself, then the "friends" simply are not worth having.

Anne Blythe

ONIONS IN BATTER

THIS interesting way of cooking onions is well worth trying. Peel three small onions and cook them in boiling water with a teaspoonful salt for one hour. Strain and place them in a fire-

1 To take the lines off your face: mix the yolk of an egg with a teaspoonful of olive oil until it gets the consistency of mayonnaise sauce. Smear this over your skin and leave it on for five minutes; then rinse your face with tepid water softened with a little oatmeal. Finally slap your face gently all over with a glove made of towelling.

2 A steam bath is a fine pick-up for a tired face. Put some ground fennel in a small bowl and pour boiling water on it. Then hold your face over the bowl (covering your head with a towel so that none of the steam escapes) for five minutes. Finish the treatment by splashing your face with cold water in which a teaspoonful of benzoin has been dissolved.

3 To stimulate the circulation of the blood in your face, rub in a good massage cream. Then pat your skin briskly with a medium hard face puffer for five or six minutes. Take off the cream, sponge your face with tepid water, and your skin will be glowing and fresh.

Flavour in foods

WHEN making apple tarts, sprinkle two or three tablespoonfuls of orange juice over the apples. This gives a delicious flavour and is an immense improvement to apples that are inclined to be dry and tasteless.

Try putting an apple, cut up into quarters, inside the next chicken you roast. You will find that it gives a delicious flavour and also prevents the flesh from becoming dry.

The next time you are frying or steaming tomatoes, just add a teaspoonful of sugar to them and it will bring out their full flavour. If a vanilla bean is kept in the sugar jar it will give the sugar a very delicate flavour. This is especially desirable for sugar to be used in cake baking.

When boiling ham, if a teaspoonful of vinegar and six or eight cloves are added to each gallon of water the flavour is wonderfully improved. Let the ham cool in the water in which it is boiled and it will be deliciously moist and nice.

If you are making fruit pies, add a dust of ginger, nutmeg, or cinnamon, or all three, and the flavour of the fruit will be delicious.

When stewing prunes, after washing and soaking them all right, add a breakfastcupful of cold tea to the water in which they are cooked. This greatly improves both syrup and flavour.

Cookery Expert

proof glass oven dish with one oz. dripping. Bake ten minutes, then pour a halter over the onions, made from four oz. flour, one egg, half a pint milk, and a pinch of salt. Bake in a moderate oven for about forty minutes. This makes a delicious dish.

Isobel



Fruit juice, applied fresh to your face, will tone up your skin, freshen its colour, make it smoother and softer. First take off all traces of make-up; a good home-made lotion for doing this is made by beating up three whites of eggs in half a pint of alcohol at 70 degrees. (You can get this from any chemist.) Then add the juice of half a lemon.

When you have cleaned your face with this, apply the fruit juice by crushing a few grapes, a peach or half an orange on your skin. Leave it on all night, in the morning wash it off with tepid water.

By the way, always make certain that your hands are absolutely clean before you start any face treatment; give them a good massage with cream, too.

That Business Skirt

MANY skirts are spoiled in the pressing, but this is seldom due to lack of care, rather to a lack of knowledge of how to set about the job so as to obtain the best results.

To obviate the possibility of spoiling your skirt in the pressing, don't spread the garment on a well-padded ironing-board, as many girls are in the habit of doing.

What you require is a hard board with only one layer of cloth. In this way, one can prevent the marks of the seams showing on the right side of the cloth; or at least it makes the imprint almost inconspicuous so that it passes unnoticed.

Another trick that goes a long way to making one's own attempt at skirt pressing satisfactory, is a light ironing. Good pressing lies not in a hard pressure, but in a uniform pressure. As a rule you will find that far better results are obtained by going over cloth three or four times lightly than by going over it once with an extra heavy hand.

Here is another point worth following: The great fault in skirt pressing at the hands of the amateur is brought about by pressing until the cloth gets quite dry. No one defying this simple rule can hope to press a skirt so that it always looks its best.

French business girls argue, and rightly, that a skirt should steam



In the jersey dress at the left, yellow appears in a char-treuse shade, and is combined with dark green in the hound's tooth plaid woollen box-coat. Make the yellow in the plaid of redder silk than at the right with skirt and sport in make and white plaid.

Two Novel Cakes

HERE are recipes for two delicious cakes which will add interest to the tea table:—

Fudge Cake

Take ¼ lb. flour, 1 oz. ground rice, 3 ozs. butter or margarine, ¼ teaspoon each mixed spice and ground ginger, 2 ozs. Demerara sugar, 2 ozs. golden syrup, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, 1 large tablespoon milk, 2 eggs, fudge filling, and few walnuts for decoration.

For the fudge filling use 6 ozs. Demerara sugar, 1 oz. butter, 2 table-spoons milk.

Beat the butter and sugar to a soft cream, then add the spices and golden syrup. Beat until evenly mixed. Whisk up eggs.

Now add a little ground rice and flour alternately with the eggs, until all the eggs and milk are used.

Finally, sprinkle in the baking powder. Turn into a well-greased sandwich tin and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5 or electrically 400 degs. Fahrenheit) for about 20 minutes.

Turn on to sieve to cool. When cold, ice the top with caramel fudge filling and decorate with half walnuts.

For the filling:—Put all the ingredients in a saucepan and stir over gentle heat till the sugar has dissolved. Then boil 10 minutes. Take off fire and beat with a wooden spoon till thick and creamy. Pour over cake at once.

Cherry Slices

If kept in a tin box, these slices remain quite fresh for a fortnight. For the pastry:—Take 4 ozs. flour, 2 ozs. butter, 2 teaspoons castor sugar, ¼ oz. ground almonds, 1 yolk of egg.

Make same as ordinary short-crust pastry and roll out thinly. Line a large greased Yorkshire tin.

Fruit filling:—6 ozs. place cherries and 2 ozs. walnuts, roughly chopped. Cut the cherries in quarters with a pair of scissors and place on pastry. Sprinkle walnuts on top.

Cake mixture for top:—1 oz. butter, 2 oz. brown sugar, 3 ozs. ground almonds, 1 egg, and 1 beaten yolk. Cream the butter and sugar, add the beaten egg, and fold in the ground almonds.

Pour cake mixture over top of cherries, and bake in a moderate oven about 20 minutes. Cool, then cut into strips.

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SHORT CUTS

For dusting papered walls use a broom or floor brush with a clean dry cloth wrapped around it.

These omelet may be used by throwing a liberal sprinkling of grated American cheese over the egg as the omelet begins to set. Let the egg brown and serve folded over with the cheese inside.

It is more economical from a standpoint of fuel consumption to use aluminium, glass or tin pans for ordinary baking than sheet iron or porcelain pans.

When taken from the ironing-board, if the pressure has been sufficiently vigorous to cause shiny spots to show up, then be sure to wet the cloth again and go over it with a very hot iron, thus creating plenty of steam.

In dealing with the folds and double thicknesses where hard pressure at first may seem to be required in order to properly crease the garment, a second pressing to remove the resultant spots is frequently necessary.

In the case of a frock, do not use a really hot iron for pressing, except when you use a damp cloth. Taffeta, crepe de chine, georgette—in fact, all delicate materials, especially in pastel shades—are apt to fade if much heat is applied, and the silks will go "papery."

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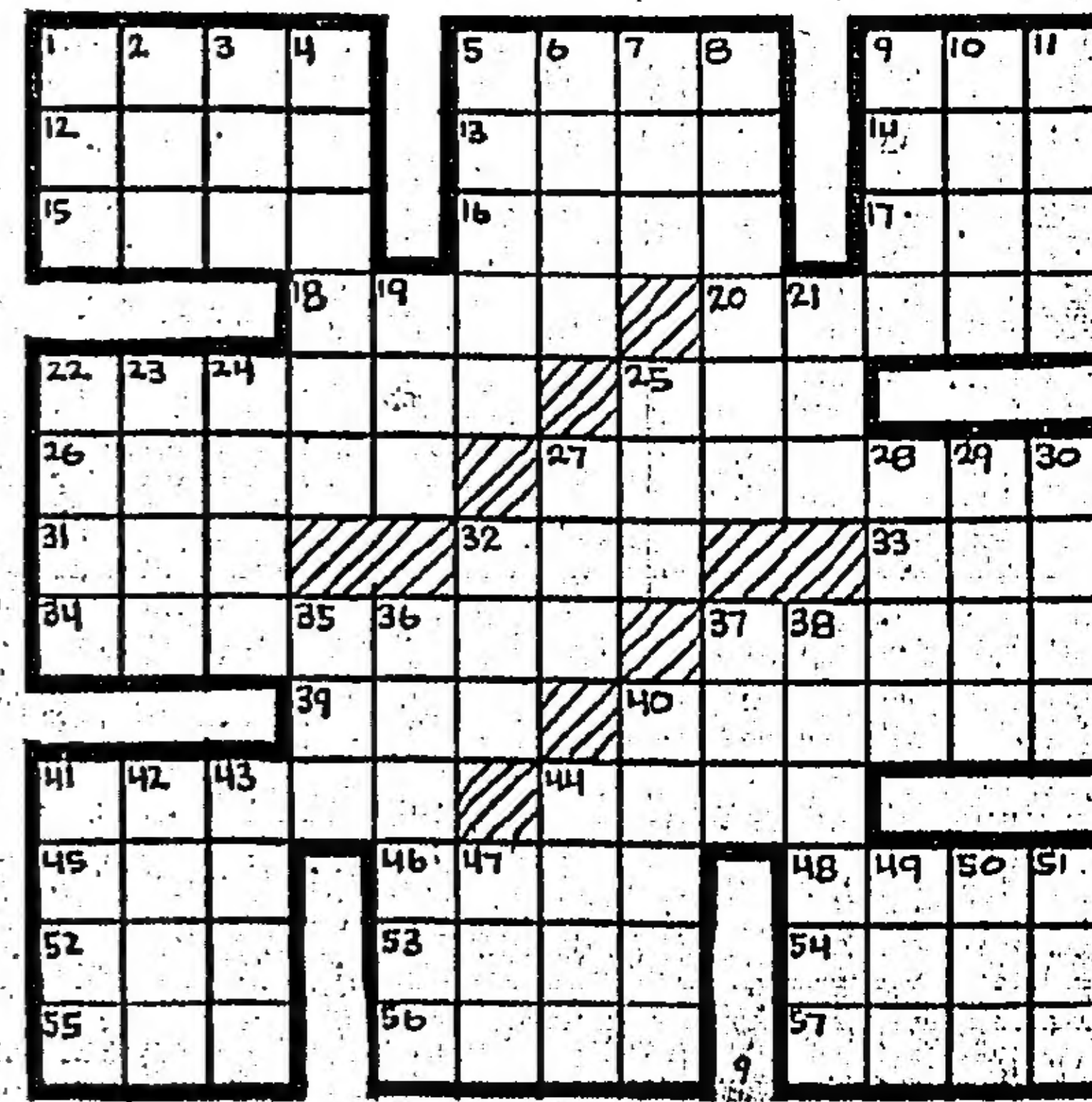
Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Round ornaments
2—Greek letter
3—River in Italy
4—Precious stone
5—Attention
6—Norse writing
7—Devoured
8—Imprisoned with fear
9—Animal shelter
10—Fell behind
11—French (Latin)
12—Exposed to air
13—Conquers
14—Girl's name
15—Consumes
16—Comer
17—Protection
18—Punishable
19—Invisible fluid
20—Ship of the desert
21—Queen Elizabeth's family
22—Ball Lake Indian
23—Nonacres (Latin)
24—Arrange for value
25—Girl (Latin)
26—Leave cut
27—Mixed black and white
28—Haggard by H. Rider

DOWN
1—Collection of one subject
2—Second childhood
3—Uninterested
4—Military rank
5—Cilly opposite
6—Beetle
7—Decide upon
8—Pret from swamps
9—Dance
10—Wraith
11—Grail
12—Grail
13—Deposited
14—Military assistant
15—Zeppelin's title
16—Decided
17—Girl's name
18—Actual
19—Balls
20—General words
21—Self
22—Equal
23—Come out
24—Prices
25—Hulls
26—Western state
27—Erase
28—Move
29—Water vessel
30—Art (Latin)
31—Numeral
32—Optic



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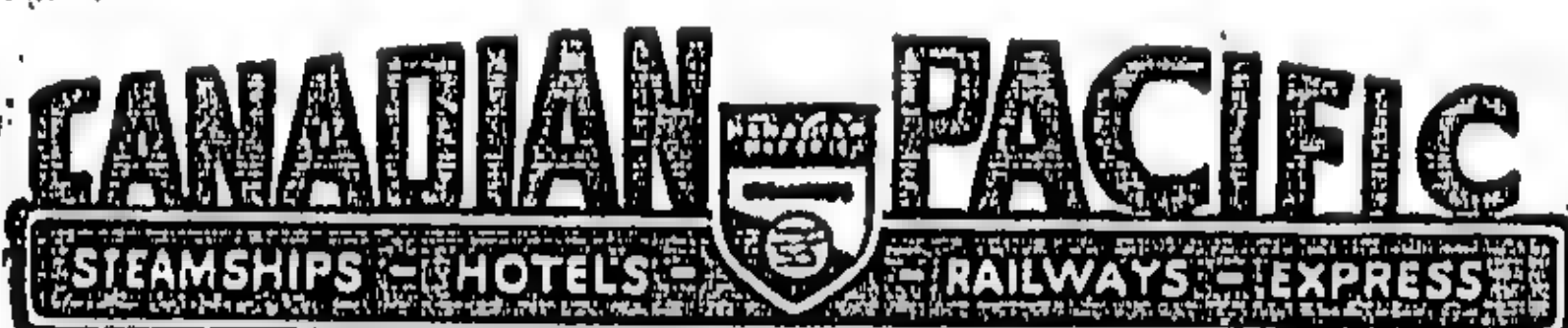
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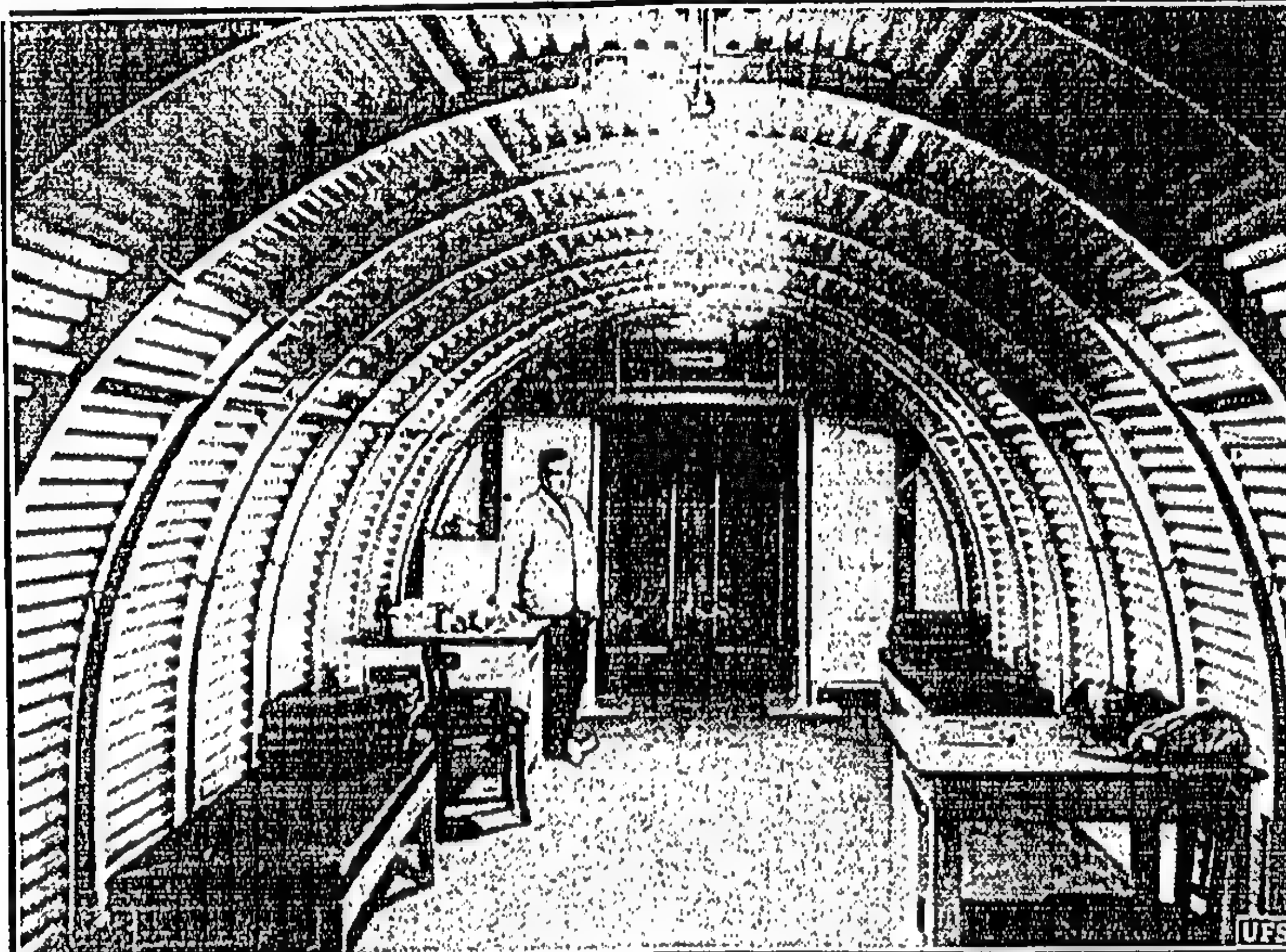
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Common people of Europe hope that war won't come this spring, as predicted by many, but are preparing for it, nevertheless. Here is a specimen steel-lined bomb shelter in London, built for use as a first-aid and dressing station underground, in case of an air raid. Shelters are now available to private individuals or communities, as part of the defence plans established by the government. Arched roof to let bombs glance off.



This caricature shows head of the G-Men J. Edgar Hoover, who announced he had taken over personal investigation of the Judge Manton case in New York. Charges are that the Federal Judge presided over cases of fugitives who had lent money to his business interests. Judge Manton recently resigned.



Glad to be alive after their harrowing experience following the wreck of the Imperial flying boat Cavalier, at sea, three of the five women survivors greet New York from the dock of the rescue ship Esso Baytown, in New York harbor. Left to right: Miss Nellie Tucker Smith, Mrs. George Ing-ham and Mrs. Edna Watson, all of Bermuda.

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Social Items

The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship have arranged to visit the Home for the Blind at Pokfulam, on Thursday afternoon. Members will meet at the Ferry at 2.45 p.m. Accommodation in the bus will be available for any friends the members may desire to bring.

The prizewinners at last Thursday's meeting of the St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship were: Miss Jang, Mrs. Peckham, Whist, Mrs. Bertram, Bridge, Mrs. Humphrey, Cate Compellion, Mesdames Cocking, Organ and Eustace.

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Yau Kam-chuen, teacher, and Miss Fung Woon-yu, of 291 Hennessy Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Chung Hlop-chiu and Mok Tun-mui.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Chiu Bork-ay, physical instructor, and Miss Ho Lai-hing, of 30 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo; Mr. Chi Yuen-ang, dressmaker, residing at 11 Rua Domíngos, Macao; and Miss Tso Pui-yu, of 138-Ki Lung Street, Shamshuipo.

HUDSON WELCOMED

British Collaboration With Poland

Warsaw, Mar. 21.
"The Polish people have amply shown in history that they cherish the same ideas as Britain of freedom and liberty," declared Mr. R. S. Hudson, British Secretary for Overseas Trade, replying to an address of welcome by the Polish Minister of Commerce, Mr. Roman, yesterday. "When we see liberty disappearing in country after country, our two nations have a common concern."

The Press heartily welcomes Mr. Hudson's visit, declaring that closer collaboration between Poland and Britain is ardently desired by all parties.—Reuter.

ANNUAL POUND DAY

The Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will hold their annual Pound Day on Friday, March 24. Gifts will be received by Mrs. S. W. Ts'o, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by Mrs. C. B. Brown from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Hospital, which will be open for inspection.

The following articles are suitable for gifts: Cotton wool, hot water bottles, antiploagatine, evaporated milk, Benger's Food, Marmite, Glands, calico, sheeting, flannelette, brooms, scrubbing brushes, etc.

LATE NEWS

Another Killing In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
Wang Ching-wei, ex-collector of the Industry Ministry of the "Reformed" Government, was shot dead when a Chinese assassin attacked him in a room in a Chinese hotel on Hankow Road in the International Settlement at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday. The assassin knocked at the door of Mr. Wang's room and after ascertaining his name fired a volley of pistol shots. Mr. Wang was killed instantly.

The day was the 12th anniversary of the occupation of Shanghai by the Chinese National Revolutionary Army in 1927. The culprit is still at large.—Domei.

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WANG CHING-WEI

ATTEMPT ON WANG CHING-WEI Secretary Killed By Assassins

TSUNG CHUNG-MING, the closest follower and chief secretary of Wang Ching-wei, died of wounds yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, which he received during the attempted assassination of the expelled Kuomintang leader on Monday night, according to the South China Daily News, the local vernacular paper which is generally considered as Wang's organ.

The paper, which confirms that Mrs. Tsung Chung-ming and one other were also seriously wounded, does not mention whether Wang Ching-wei was harmed.

Three assassins were arrested, the paper says. "Domei" says that four Chinese visited the secret residence of Wang Ching-wei at 3 a.m.

Attacked with pistols, Mr. Tsung Chung-ming, private secretary to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and his wife and one other person were seriously wounded. Mr. Wang Ching-wei was understood to have escaped unhurt.

IMPORTS FLEAS

Forest Grove, Ore.
England has imported 1,000 fleas, including 80 different types, raised by Dr. C. Anderson, head of the biological department of the University of Oregon. They were shipped to the Tring branch of the British Museum at Herts, England.

Singapore

Japanese Allegations Answered

London, Mar. 21.

The Government has replied to the Japanese protest of January 25 regarding the treatment of Japanese nationals in Singapore.

The answer maintained that it is understood all the raids on Japanese establishments, complained of were carried out in compliance with the law.

Police action, it further pointed out, showed an intention existed among Japanese nationals to undertake action prejudicial to the Colony and calculated to bring about a breach of the peace.

Japanese nationals in Singapore, the note emphasises, are not subject to restrictions beyond those in force against all other nationals.

The note invited comparison between the defence measures taken in connection with the Singapore base and the measures taken by the Japanese in their own fortified zone. It is estimated that the position of Singapore compares favourably with that of Japan. A number of examples of Japanese police surveillance and spy mania are quoted.

The British Government, it was added, hope that Japanese nationals will take account of their obligation as residents in British territory and thus obviate the need for any further measures on the part of the authorities.—Reuter.

AIR RAID WARDENS CHINESE LECTURES

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that a course of Air Raid Warden lectures will be given by Mr. Chak Tai Kwong in the Chinese language at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Caine Road, commencing at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 1939.

It is important that those members of the public who intend to volunteer for Air Raid Warden duties should make a point of attending the first and all subsequent lectures.

English Lectures

The A.R.P. Officers also announce that a new course of lectures—A.R.P. Modified Full Course—will be held as follows:

At Volunteer Headquarters, Hongkong, on Fridays, commencing on March 24, at 11 a.m.
At the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, every Monday, commencing on April 17, at 11 a.m.

Both lectures will be in English, and are open to the public.

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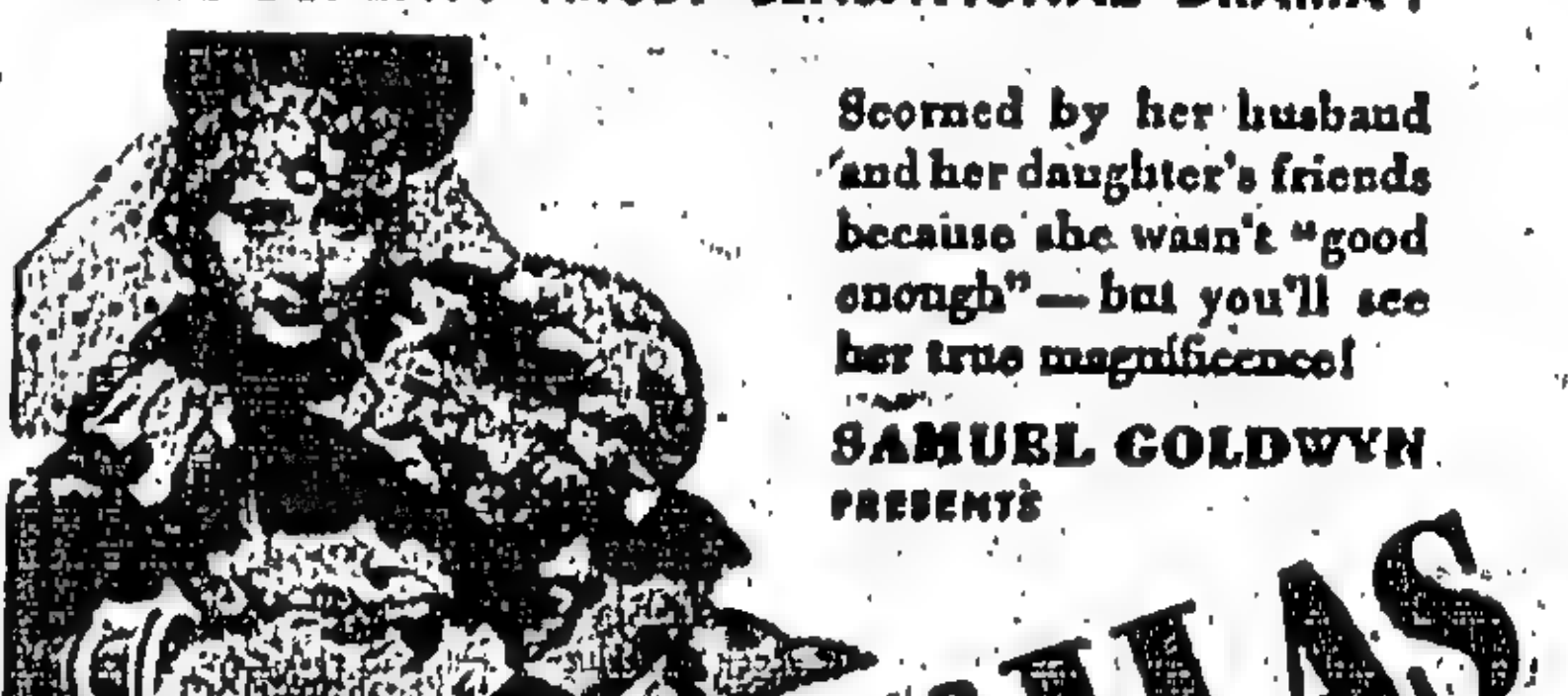
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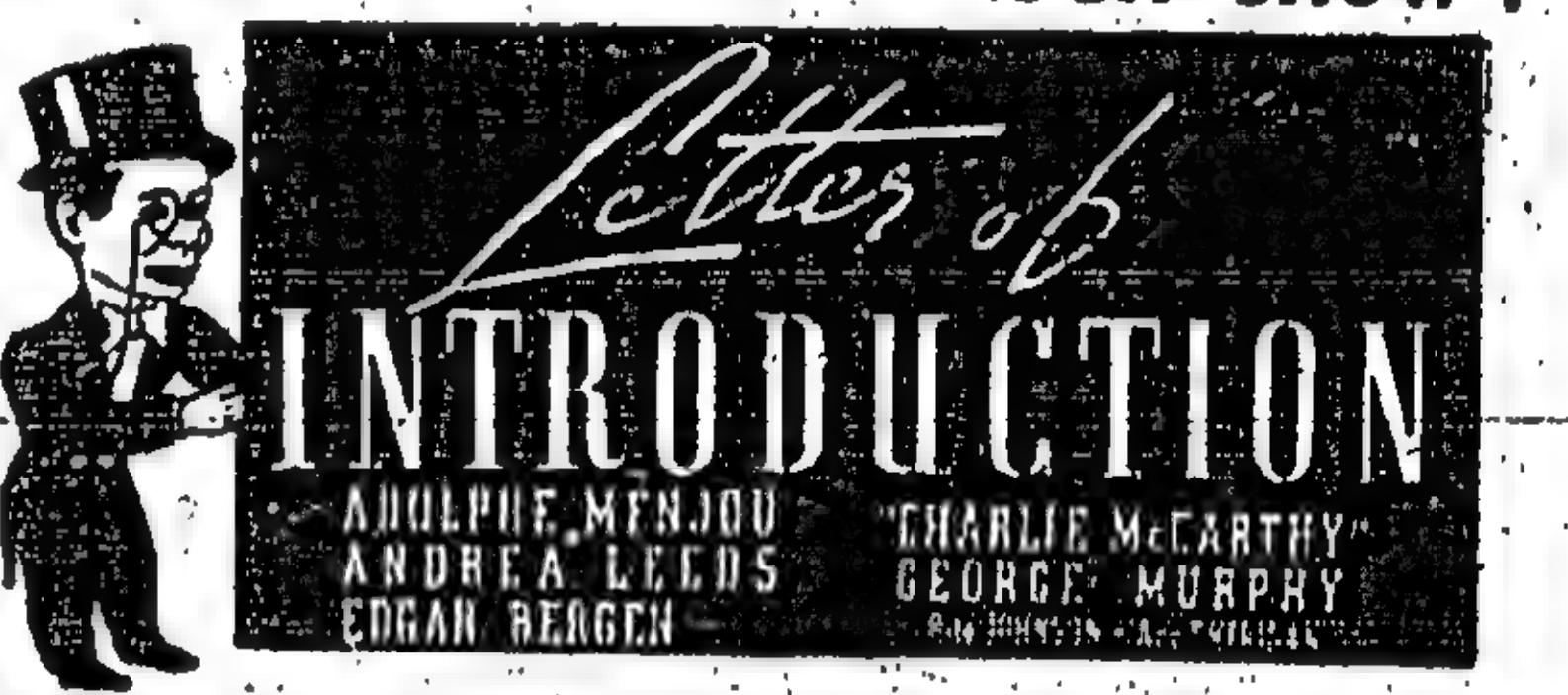
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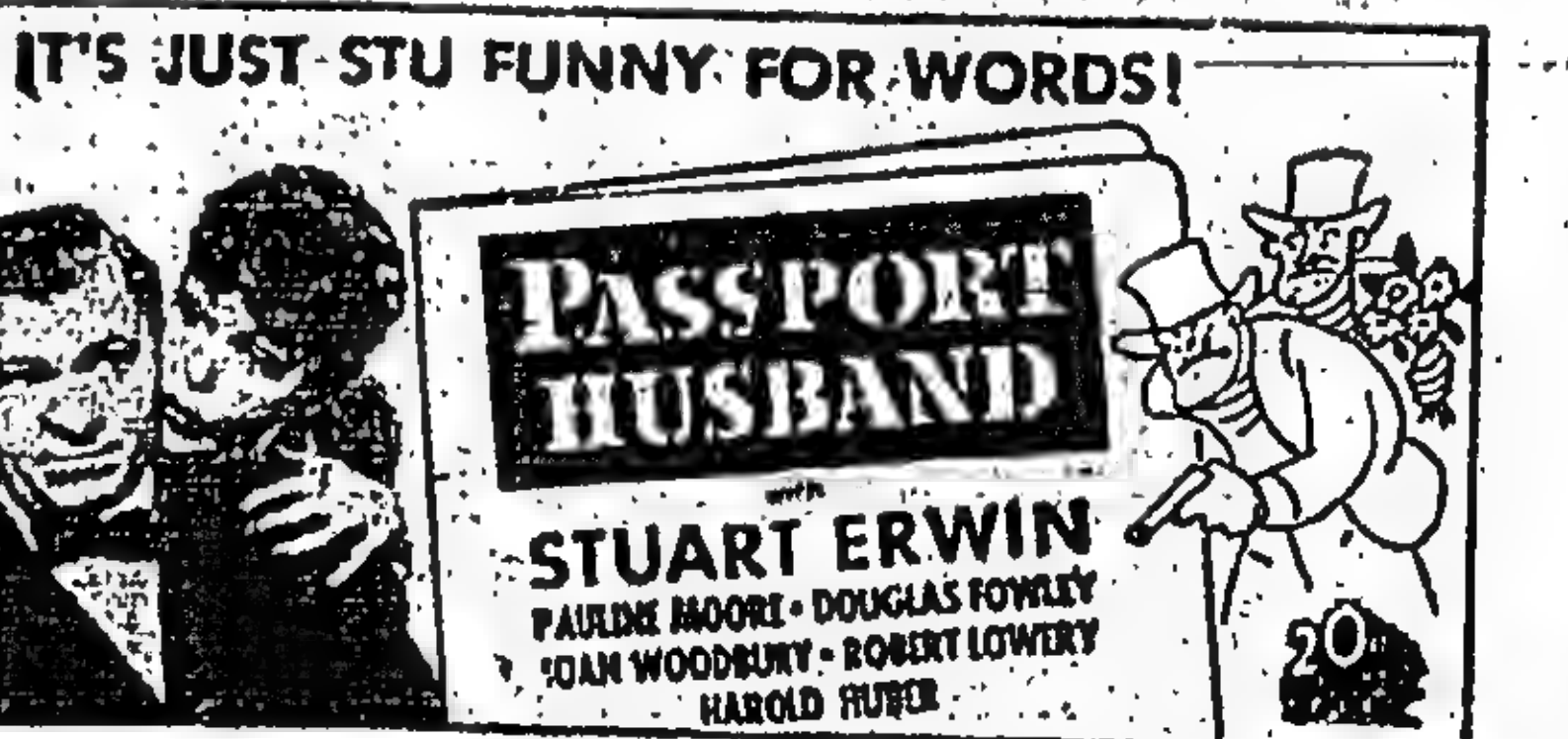
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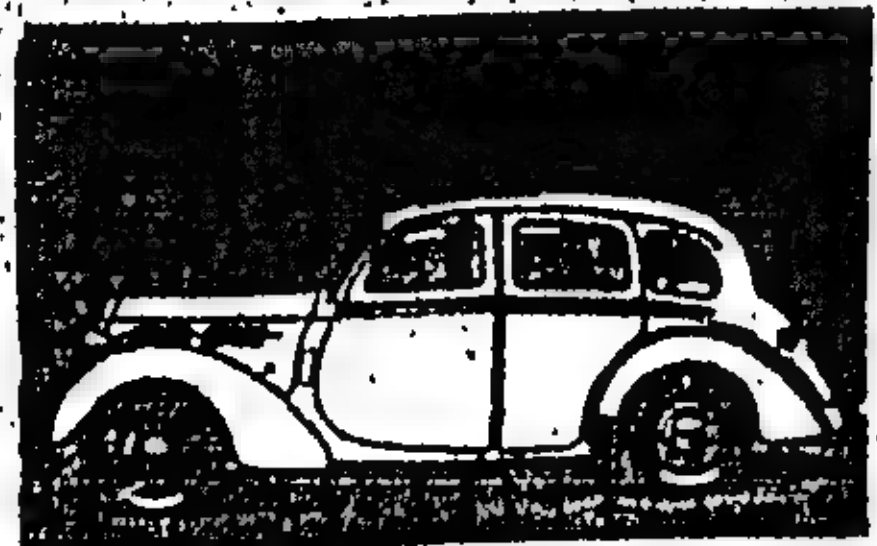
REGINA PLANS AIR CIRCUS

REGINA, Sask.
If plans go as scheduled, Regina will witness an aerial circus of one hundred or more planes from Canada and the United States, next May, when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visit the city.

Antiques have so over-crowded the home of Harry Vorbrock, that he had to buy a new home to take care of the overflow. He has everything from glassware to sleighs in his collection.

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MOBILISATION BY RUMANIA

RESERVES TO JOIN COLOURS

Counter To Hungarian Troop Movements

BUCHAREST, Mar. 22.
IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT RUMANIA HAS DECIDED TO CALL UP SEVERAL CLASSES OF RESERVES.

According to an official statement, the measure is being taken "in order to counter-balance similar measures in neighbouring countries."—United Press.

HUNGARIAN MOBILISATION

LONDON, Mar. 22.
THE BUCHAREST CORRESPONDENT of the London "Times" confirms this morning that mobilisation of the Hungarian Army is under way.

The Correspondent reports that it is impossible to give the numbers of men mobilised, but the forces are believed to be considerable.

The mobilisation, he states, is directed against Rumania.

Although it was officially denied yesterday by the Hungarian Legation in Paris, an official statement was issued by the Hungarian Government in Bucharest confirming that partial mobilisation had been ordered.

FORCED BY RUMANIA

The statement continued that the action had been forced upon Hungary in view of the concentration of Rumanian troops on the Hungarian frontier.

The statement goes on to say that this is the customary reply to such threats.

Hungarian and Rumanian troops are already facing each other on the frontier, but there is no hint of any more serious developments.

POLAND INTERCEDES

Later it was reported that Poland had interceded diplomatically and that the situation was much easier.

It is believed that about five per cent. of the total population of Hungary has been called to the colours.

Motor vehicles and farm waggons have been commandeered and all railway traffic has been disorganised by military requirements.

It is officially announced in Bucharest that the Hungarian occupation of Ruthenia has been completed.

NOT FOR FRONTIER

Bucharest, Mar. 21.
An official statement says that following the decision of the Cabinet, the Government has concentrated a few divisions of Reservists, who will, if necessary, support the troops on the frontier.

If Rumania follows a peace policy, these units will remain at some distance from the frontier, and will only undergo exercises. As soon as neighbour States demobilise, the Reservists will be sent home.

The statement adds that there are no military concentrations on the frontier, and the forces are only engaged in manoeuvres.—Reuter.

BOMB IN BRATISLAVA

Berlin, Mar. 21.
Over 40 have been arrested in connection with a bomb outrage near Bratislava, in which a bomb was thrown into the house of the German district leader, and at a German, who was in the street.

Neither bomb caused any injury.—Reuter.

CZECH CREDITS IMMOBILISED

London, Mar. 21.
In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the

Exchequer, introduced a Bill to implement the decision instructing banks to withhold the Czechoslovak balances and gold securities without the consent of the Treasury.—Reuter.

IN FRANCE, TOO

Paris, Mar. 21.
The French Government, following the lead of London and Washington, has asked banks to immobilise all Czech assets, pending further instructions.—Reuter Special.

AMBASSADOR LEAVES

The Italian Ambassador to Berlin has left secretly for Rome. No German newspapers were allowed to comment on his departure.

The Ambassador, who saw Herr Hitler before his departure, is believed to have been recalled by Signor Mussolini to report on the situation. He is believed to be carrying an important message from Hitler.

MILITARY CHIEFS SEE HITLER

In Berlin, German military leaders continue to meet Hitler.

Rumours are current that the Germans are considerably strengthening their western fortifications.

The Berlin Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that the strained Anglo-German relations are causing some anxiety in Berlin.

ATTACKS ON BRITAIN

German and Italian newspapers continue their virulent attacks on

Memel To Join Reich

LITHUANIA GIVES IN

A "REUTER" MESSAGE states that Lithuania has accepted German demands for the return of Memel-land to the Reich, according to unofficial reports.

Memel will be handed over to Germany almost immediately, the report states.

M. Gailius, the Lithuanian Governor at Memel, has confirmed that Germany gave Lithuania a virtual ultimatum, demanding cession of the territory.

The Governor said that Lithuania had also been told that should disturbances occur in the meantime, German troops would march in and restore order.

He added that Lithuania was considering her reply, and that an answer would be sent tomorrow.

FIVE DAY ULTIMATUM

Earlier, "Reuter" reported that a German Note demanding the evacuation of Memel territory within five days was reported to have been handed to M. Urbas, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, during his interview with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister.

The report stated that if Lithuania rejected the ultimatum, German troops concentrated on the Lithuanian frontier would march into the country.

If, on the other hand, the demands were accepted, Lithuanian frontiers would be guaranteed, and Lithuanians would be given facilities for using the port of Memel.

SECRET DIET SESSION

Dr. Neumann, the Memel Nazi leader, informed "Reuter" that he expected Lithuania to surrender the Memel territory in the near future.

An extraordinary meeting of the Lithuanian Parliament was called to consider the German demands.

Proceedings at the session were in camera.

REPORT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Kovno, Mar. 21.
The Lithuanian Parliament was summoned by telephone to meet at 11 a.m. for a special session.

The Memel deputies were not participating.

An official communiqué states that the German Foreign Minister had told the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, M. Urbas, of Germany's demands for the incorporation of Memel.

In the event the ultimatum proceeds peacefully and amicably, "Reuter" stated that Lithuania has accepted Germany's proposals regarding Memel.

The Memel delegates were absent from to-day's special session of Parliament. Meanwhile it is expected a

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Great Britain, whom they blame for the present crisis.

Rome, the newspapers unanimously claim that the British and French military precautions are unwarranted and state that the democracies are heading for war.

The fact that all newspapers publish identical articles leads to the belief that the attacks are inspired.

Czechs Save Warplanes

LONDON, Mar. 21.

The "Daily Express" reports that about 1,000 Czech Warplanes and pilots, defying President Macha's orders that all war material must be surrendered to Germany, are reported to have landed in Poland, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia and Russia.

A check up by "United Press" confirmed that two Czech planes were flown into Rumania on Wednesday to avoid being given to the Germans.—United Press.

BRITISH MISSIONS

Counteracting The German Drive

PARIS, Mar. 21.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the despatch of a British trade mission to Rumania has made the best possible impression in Bucharest, according to messages received here.

Rumanian political circles feel that with the support of the British, Rumania will be able to conclude a treaty with Germany on equal footing.—Reuter.

MISSION TO ROME

Paris, Mar. 21.

It is rumoured that there is a move on foot in influential circles to send an unofficial emissary on a special mission to Italy.

The names of M. Laval, who negotiated the North African treaty with Signor Mussolini, and the Comte de Chambray, are mentioned as emissaries, but M. Laval denies having been approached on the matter.

It is realised here that if a decision is to be made, it must be done quickly, as Mussolini is due to speak on Sunday.—Reuter Special.

ACTIVITY IN POLAND

Warsaw, Mar. 21.

The British Ambassador to Poland, Sir Howard Kennard, called at the Foreign Office to-day, and it is believed that he communicated Britain's proposed diplomatic measures for the opinion of Colonel Beck.

It is thought here that Colonel Beck is unwilling to commit himself to any rapid re-alignment of policy hitherto pursued, namely in not joining any bloc. He is hardly likely to do so before his visit to London on April 3, when a thorough discussion of Poland's attitude is expected.

It is pointed out that Poland already has an alliance with France and commitments with Rumania.—Reuter.

Denunciation Of Navy Pact Can't Be Done, Says Britain

LONDON, Mar. 21.

REPORTS HAVE appeared in some quarters that the German Government is considering denunciation of the Anglo-German Naval Treaty of 1935.

It is pointed out here that the treaty contains no provision for denunciation. The position is that it can only be legally terminated by mutual consent of the two parties.

It is stated that no approach in this sense has been made by the German government.—British Wireless.

"United Press" states that Britain has warned Germany that a denunciation of the Treaty will not be recognised.

L.C.C. Celebrates Anniversary

London, Mar. 21.

Queen Mary and the Princess Royal attended the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the London County Council to-day, which was celebrated in the County Hall.

Queen Mary occupied the Chair- man's seat, looking down on a distinguished gathering.

Mr. John Burns, one of the surviving members of the first Council, was present.—Reuter.

ROME AFFIRMS AID FOR GERMAN DRIVE

ROME, MAR. 22.

THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL, WHICH IS MEETING IN ROME TO-DAY, HAS ISSUED AN IMPORTANT COMMUNIQUE.

The statement, issued after the meeting of the Council, which lasted 2½ hours, declares the full adhesion of Italy to the Rome-Berlin axis, in face of the threatened united front of Democracies.

The Grand Council convened in the Venice Palace at 10 p.m., and was presided over by Signor Mussolini.

The communiqué added that a united Democratic front would be a "fore-runner of war."—United Press.

DRAFT SUBMITTED

London, Mar. 21.

Great Britain is speeding up the campaign for a Pan-European front in expectation of a Nazi march on the Baltic coast within a few days.

It is understood that Poland has urged Britain to concentrate the "Halt Hitler" efforts on the protection of Lithuania.

The hot spots of the international front are becoming clearer. The most urgent is believed to be on the Baltic coast where German troops are reported to be concentrating, despite Nazi press denials.—United Press.

GERMANY STRENGTHENING FRONTIER DEFENCES

Metz, Mar. 21.

The hurried strengthening of Germany's frontier defences is going on across the border, it is reported here.

Workmen of all trades are busy day and night under the direction of engineers, a number of whom were sent to the frontier on Saturday night.

Hundreds of tank traps are being constructed about a mile from the French frontier.

It is stated that once these tank "traps" are finished, the Germans will begin building reinforced concrete pill-boxes, cleverly camouflaged, sheltering machine-guns.

The frontier is patrolled night and day by German S.S. Guards, armed with rifles.—Reuter.

GERMAN POLICY

Berlin, Mar. 21.

Inspired sources state that Germany will revise its whole attitude towards Britain and the Continent as a result of the "Halt Hitler" drive.

Simultaneously, well informed circles predict Memel's incorporation in the Reich within a few days.

Reliable sources have confirmed yesterday's conference with the German Foreign Minister having resulted in M. Urbas's having taken precise German proposals for Lithuania into consideration.

A special edition of the publication "Political Information" referring to the British attitude says: "circumstances are such that Germany will be compelled to take drastic and conclusive measures for a revision of the attitude towards the Continent."—United Press.

FRENCH MOBILISATION

Paris, Mar. 21.

The Government is rushing the first batch of special decrees to put French war industries on a 60-hour footing.

Simultaneously, it has been announced that the outgoing class of conscripts who are due to leave the army in April will be retained for active service.

The permanent Army Staffs which total 22 in peace time have been increased to a total of 31,000.—United Press.

MAN POWER OF ARMY

London, Mar. 21.

Mr. R. A. Butler, answering questions in the House of Commons to-day, said that as far as he was aware, the man-power of the German army would remain unaffected by the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia.

Asked whether it was not the case that there was first-class equipment for a new army, including 700 first-class tanks, the whole of the Skoda works, Mr. Butler said that it was difficult to give information.

Sir Lambert Ward interjected with the remark that as Czech heavy guns and rifles were of a different calibre, the advantage gained by Germany was not as great as suggested.—Reuter.

Big Offensive In Chekiang Province

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

The biggest Japanese offensive since the capture of Hankow, has begun in the Chekiang province against 800,000 Chinese strung over 800 miles along the Chientang River, and the Shantung-Kiang railway.

Units from North China, and naval forces are assisting the rest of the Japanese troops in Central China.—Reuter.

Declaration Soon By Big Democracies

LONDON, Mar. 21.

THE JOINT DECLARATION announcing a four Powers solidarity in the event of further German aggression, which Britain is sponsoring, will probably be couched in general terms, writes a diplomatic observer.

It is understood that the document will contain no definite commitments, or elaborate clauses.

The text is being considered by the four governments concerned—British, French, Soviet, and Polish—but nothing official is likely to emerge until tomorrow, or Thursday.

BRITAIN HESITANT

While the Russians and Poles are desirous that the document should contain clauses binding the signatories to take action, it is believed that British circles favour an immediate general declaration which does not exclude the possibility of definite military commitments, or even an international conference afterwards, should the signatories so desire.

It is felt that a conference at the present crisis would be extremely inconvenient, especially if held in Bucharest, as it is understood, the Russians are suggesting, while elaboration of specific commitments would take too much time.

It is emphasised that the fact that negotiations are proceeding with the Russians over the drafting of the declaration, should not be interpreted as a disagreement. It is emphasised that the present negotiations concern methods, rather than general principles.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Deep interest is taken in the attitude of Italy, which doubtless, will be clarified by Signor Mussolini's speech next Sunday.

The departure of Signor Bernardo Attolico, the Italian Ambassador from Berlin to Rome has aroused comment in political circles, as has the Parisienne of French approaches to Italy, which has hitherto been denied.

Polish and Turkish envoys conferred with Viscount Halifax to-day, and M. Georges Bonnet, who is accompanying the French President to London, is seeing Viscount Halifax to-morrow, when they will most likely discuss the declaration, and the concrete form which it should be given.

M. Tilen, who called at the Foreign Office to-day, is returning to (Continued on Page 4.)

Disorders In Damascus

Sandbags In Streets Of Syrian City

DAMASCUS, Mar. 21.

SANDBAGS HAVE been piled up to form blockhouses by French troops who occupied strategic points of the city, following Nationalist disorders.

The first action of the French troops was to destroy the barricades erected by the demonstrators. Damascus is quiet to-day, but many shopkeepers have emptied their shops in the face of possible looting.

A number of leading agitators have been arrested. The trouble is understood to have arisen from the French postponement of ratification of the Franco-Syrian Treaty.—Reuter.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO "REUTERS" AGENCY

LONDON, Mar. 21.

REFERENCES TO the £6,000 allocation to "Reuters" which was paid as part of the additional wage sent in services to foreign countries during the crisis last autumn were made during a debate in Parliament yesterday on a Foreign Office vote.

Commander R. T. H. Fletcher said that they received a subsidy from the Government.

Mr. Noel Baker said that this £6,000 was a trifling sum to "Reuters" in view of their annual turnover, but it might do harm abroad if it was thought that "Reuters" service was under the influence of Government guidance.

Mr. Samuel Storey referred to the Singapore criticisms and attributed these to keen competition which existed between two Malaya groups of newspapers, one of whom wanted another service supplementary to "Reuters."

SINGAPORE CRITICISM

Commander Fletcher quoted criticisms of "Reuters" in Singapore, and added that in South America and the United States, new agencies were taking advantage of the payment to discredit "Reuters" on the ground

MONOPOLY IN MALAYA

Rejecting the charges that "Reuters" had a monopoly in Malaya and India, Mr. Storey said that by reason of their vast organisation (Continued on Page 4.)

KEEN INTEREST IN FILM CENSORSHIP

FILM topics are perhaps of even more interest at the present time than the films themselves. Thus there is a reaction against the American film censorship as a potent cause of the standardisation and puerility of the great majority of Hollywood pictures. The immediate abolition of the Will Hays office, the motion picture production "code" the Legion of Decency and all other forms of censorship is urged by Professor Sawyot Falk, director of the Civil University Theatre, at Syracuse, New York. As an experiment he wants to see "facts of life" films produced, with good taste as the only restriction. Professor Falk resents the fact that the screen is unable to touch on vital subjects not forbidden to the novelist and dramatist. I do not think his view will gain ground since without restriction of some sort good currency would be driven out by the bad. Everything depends on the manner in which the censorship is exercised. It ceases to be intolerable when, as in England, it is sensitive to public opinion.

Then there is the present position of film production in England which is causing controversy and difference of views everywhere. Some people maintain that the new Films Act which provides for a 20 per cent. quota for the exhibitors and 15% for the exhibitors, has achieved its purpose. It has resulted in an improvement in quality and a reduction in the splendid result of washing out the degrading "Quota Quicksies." Opponents of the Act maintain that it is a flop because there is so much unemployment. Another section of the trade is unhappy because fewer pictures are being produced, but what are being produced are better. Perhaps it is as well for everybody to be patient for 12 months to see how the Act actually works.

Scotsmen are up in arms because films made by an official Scottish committee have been rejected by the committee responsible for choosing films for the British Pavilion at the New York Fair. The reasons for the rejection were seemingly that the films did not show a sufficiently pretty or decorated picture of Britain. The body which had refused presentation is a committee of the British Council for Cultural Relations Overseas, which he described as an English organisation. No doubt we shall hear more of this.

A GREAT FILM

A great film has come to us recently. It is a superb war film and is called "The Dawn Patrol." One critic suggests that if Chekhov had served as an airman in the War it is the sort of story he might have written. It is a stirring, magnificent study in futility. There is really no plot. None of the characters is unsympathetic. The end has come before you realise you have not seen a woman. The drama rises from the reactions of each man to his job. The commanding officer (Basil Rathbone) has been brought to a nervous breakdown by duties he hates; his flight leader (Errol Flynn) thinks him a butcher for sending boys on

15 hours flying service against a German ace. Scotty (David Niven) is cheerful and the veteran (Donald Crisp) stands by with gentle philosophy. John Monk Saunders, an American, has written nothing so effective since "Wings" and Edmund Goulding, an Englishman, has directed a British cast faultlessly.

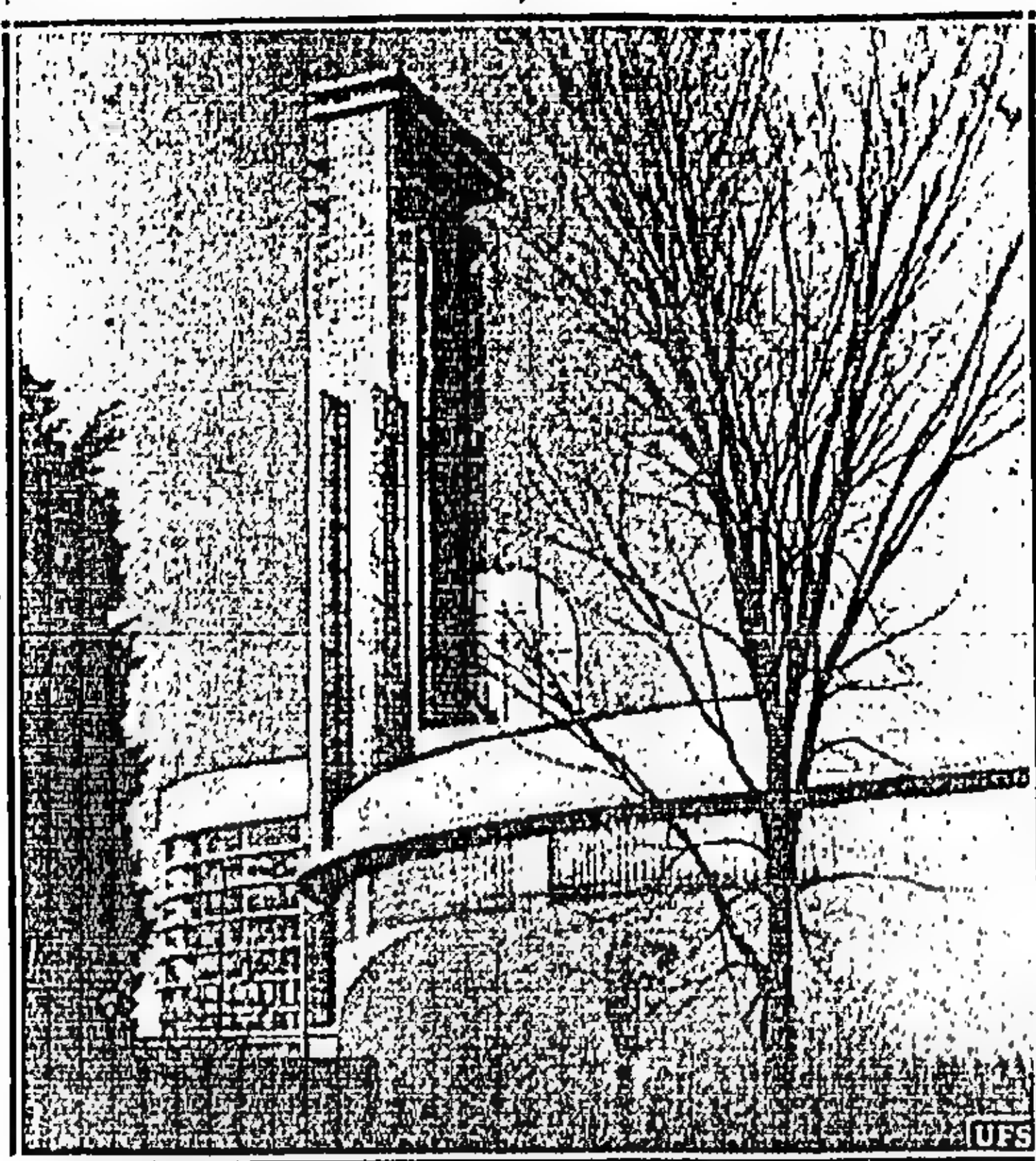
Other films look pale in comparison with "Dawn Patrol." "Kentucky" at the New Gallery is life seen through the rose lens of technical colour. It is the old story of two families having a feud and the beautiful daughter falls in love with the handsome son, and there is a horse in the Kentucky Derby. In spite of its unoriginal plot it is good entertainment, with Richard Greene and Loretta Young as the lovers. It has quaint humour and charm and no doubt will be more popular with the public than "Dawn Patrol."

"The Outsider" successful as a play and as a silent film, has been remade by Associated British with Mary Maguire as the crippled girl, and George Sanders, the tall Englishman who made his mark as the monomaniacal menace in "Lloyd's of London" as the quack who cures her when Harley Street has failed. I saw the play some years ago and noticed that the film kept well within the stage portrayal excepting for a few alterations.

BONE SETTING

The chief point being that bone setting was regarded with grave suspicion and hostility and, that nowadays one loses a little of this point as it is a part of one's life. Mary Maguire is a newcomer to the film world with a sweet and appealing face and lovely eyes that hold one's attention throughout. The film impresses one as a moving and athletic story which will appeal however more to the feminine public. Joe E. Brown continues to be popular and his picture "The Gladiator" conforming strictly to formula, can be safely recommended to all who like it. Some of the stars are (Continued on Next Column.)

NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR



Any misdirected stones might damage the \$1,000,000 glass house at the New York World's Fair, where wonders of the world of glass will be housed. Above, the huge illuminated tower of glass blocks, is shown with its blue glass fins and spiral helix. The building is located not far from the thematic tryon and perisphere of the fair.

Rich Widow To Marry Holiday-Hotel Waiter

BUDAPEST.

A wealthy Australian widow, aged twenty-nine, is to marry a Hungarian waiter with whom she fell in love when he waited at her table two years ago at Lake Balaton, Hungary's fashionable summer resort.

Hardy Embraced By An Elephant

GEORGE EMERSON, of Hollywood, who trains animals for the films, has just finished his toughest assignment.

He is a strenuous job at the best of times, but when he was training two elephants, Queenie and Sally, for their parts in Oliver Hardy's latest film, "It's Spring Again," it attained new heights of difficulty. In the script this sort of thing kept bobbing up:

"A look of pain sweeps across the elephant's face."

"Sally embraces Oliver Hardy with deep affection."

"A light of determination was in Queenie's eyes."

For the sweeping look of pain, George daubed glycerine on the elephant's cheeks, then turned a wind-machine on to her face and made her blink.

For the determination, George waved a stick with a chromium-plated knob, and made Queenie stare.

To produce the embrace, Oliver Hardy had to give Sally lulls for ten days. After that what could a grateful elephant do but wrap her trunk affectionately round him?

really funny. Considering that Mr. Brown is 40, he gets away wonderfully with adolescent parts.

Finally we have "Le Jour d'Éclat" at the Berkeley, based on the life of Baron von Kempelen, the Austrian puppet maker who lost his life saving a Polish rebel from the vengeance of Catherine the Great. The film, however, never quite gets there. There are moments of beauty and strange horror but the film as a whole just misses and this despite some distinguished acting by Conrad Veidt as the baron and Francoise Rosay as the Empress.

News from the Disney studios is that there will be no full-length Disney successor to Snow White until next Christmas at the earliest but after that the feature cartoons should succeed one another at intervals of six months or so. There are three full length Disney productions in hand at the moment, apart from the regular supply. They are "Pinocchio," "Bambi" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." The first named is based on the Italian story of a puppet made by the woodcarver Gepetto, who was brought to light by the Blue Fairy, but couldn't become a really little boy until he proved himself worthy. Bambi is about the deer who grew up to be monarch of the Maine Woods. Mickey Mouse himself is the Sorcerer's apprentice.

Canned For 114 Years, Is Fresh

What is the age of the oldest tin of canned meat still in existence? There is one of heavy black metal in "Explorers' Corner" at the Royal United Services Institution which was in Captain Parry's stores for two Arctic expeditions in 1824-25.

He brought it back unused and it remained unopened till last year. Now the rusted tin contained is in two live tubes, pink and fresh as the day it was canned at least 114 years ago.

Portions were fed to animals—and they like it. Donkin and Henl, who began business in 1811, were the cannery. They were the first firm to supply such products.

There were no tin-openers in those days. The tin in "Explorers' Corner" bears the instruction: "Cut round with hammer and chisel."

FROM CRIMEAN WAR

Canning was originated by Appert, a Paris chef, who bottled food and placed them in boiling water about 1780.

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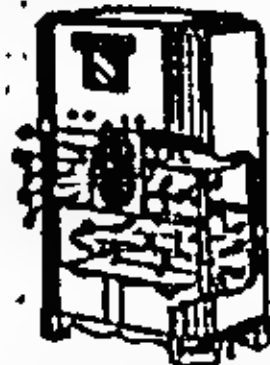
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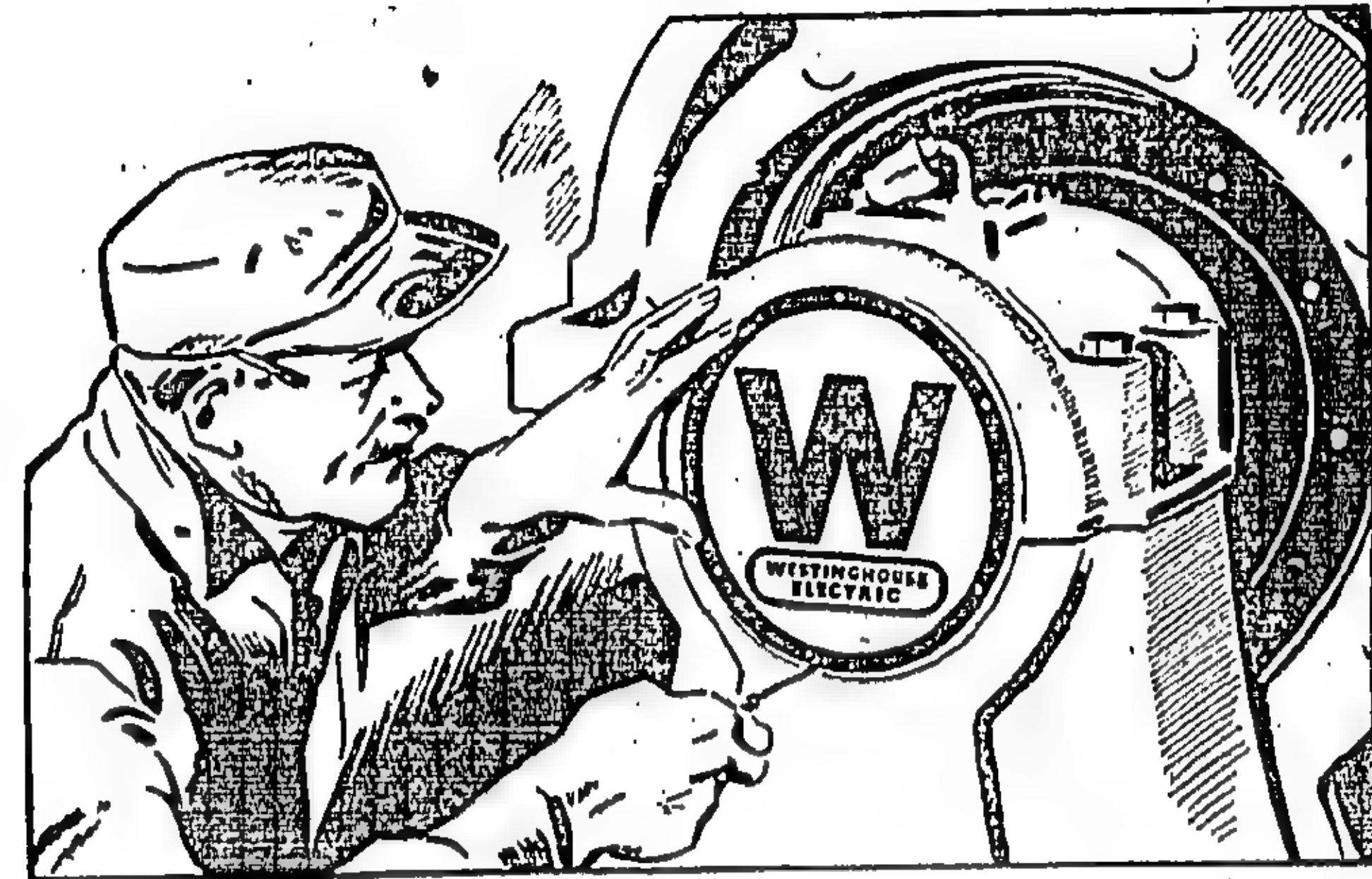
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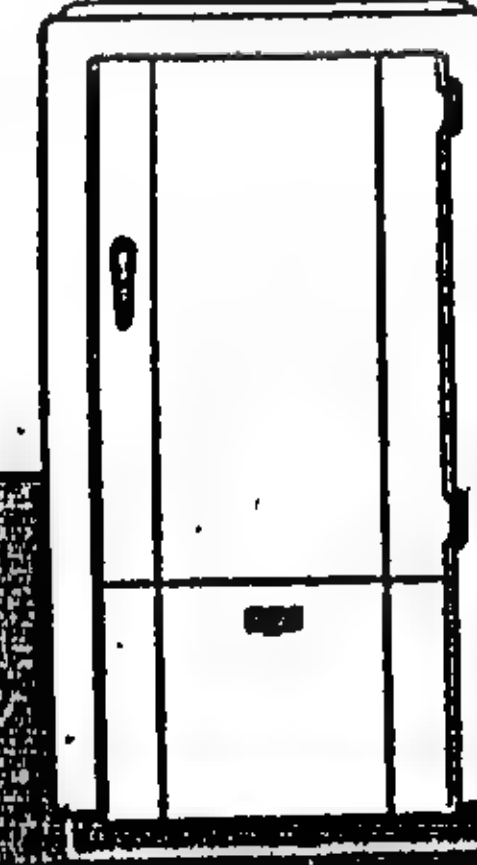
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YOUNG PEER WITH £65,000 SAYS: 'I'LL KEEP ON WORKING'

LORD SELSDON, who at twenty-five succeeds to the title on the death of his father, said recently:—"I see no reason why I should give up my job."

As the Hon. Patrick Mitchell-Thomson, he inherited £65,000 from his grandmother two years ago. He was forbidden to touch the capital until he is thirty-five, but the interest gives him enough to enjoy motor-racing and travel.

He said he was "fed up with lounge parties," and took a £2-a-week job in a firm which cleans the inside of buildings. He is now a director.

He married in 1936 and has one son.

Lord Selsdon's father died at his London home on Christmas Eve, aged sixty-one. He was Postmaster-General and Chief Civil Commissioner in 1924-9.

A few hours before his death, his former wife, Mrs. Joseph A. Penbody, was granted a Reno divorce.

Serum Spray Cure For 'Flu

Moscow. TREATMENT of influenza by a new method—inhalation of a spray of serum developed from a horse—is stated to have given favourable results.

In first mass experiments a group of employees of Moscow, Russia's biggest department store, in the centre of Moscow, inhaled the spray of this serum.

Another group was inoculated with the serum, which was developed from a virus grown under the skin of a horse after it had been exposed to the influenza germs.

MORE TESTS

The animal caught the illness, developed a powerful anti-influenza virus, and recovered.

After the experiment of inhaling the spray of the serum a second group of employees was organised to correlate results of tests on these inoculated.

Preliminary results are said to be extremely encouraging. Those given the serum were found to recover more quickly and to develop complications less frequently than those from which the serum was withheld.

In the British and American research on true epidemic influenza—as opposed to the "influenza cold"—the only susceptible animals have been ferrets and apes. For a horse to be able to produce an anti-serum it would also have to be susceptible. In this country the serum has been given by injection as distinct from

Among the laughing onlookers was Professor J. B. S. Haldane, who is an expert on A.R.P.



Frances and Fred, Continental dancing stars, who are appearing nightly at the Gloucester Hotel.

Film Chiefs Agree To Make Cinemas Uncomfortable

PARIS.

BECAUSE attempts at a settlement between the city council and Paris cinema managements over the question of increased entertainment taxes have failed, directors of cinemas decided to make conditions so uncomfortable for the public that they will complain.

A meeting of cinema directors decided that, beginning on Wednesday:—

Names of films will no longer be in lights outside cinemas. Advertisements for films on sandwich boards, in the Press, or by radio will be discontinued.

Political propaganda will be suppressed in news films. Programmes will be announced in the shortest form possible in newspapers (for big cinemas) and in handbills for small cinemas.

The directors are to send a letter to M. Daladier, the Prime Minister.

Efforts to settle the dispute have been going on since the calling off of the four-day strike by the Paris cinemas early in January.

A.R.P. Women Mob 2 Men

INDIGNANT A.R.P. women workers surrounded two men who tried to display a banner at a recruiting meeting for women's voluntary service at the Ilford Town Hall, E., recently, tore the banner to pieces, and hustled the intruders out of the building.

The banner read, "Let unemployed men build A.R.P. shelters at T.U. rates." There were 60 women at the meeting.

The Dowager Lady Reading, who was speaking at the time, watched the incident, and afterwards said, "The women in the audience dealt with the intruders so quickly that my speech was hardly interfered with."

Mrs. Simmons, an Ilford A.R.P.

Fingerprint Honour Won

Oakland, Cal. Ray Wesley Conover, 12, believes that it is never too early to file your finger-prints with the Federal Bureau of Identification. By filing at the precise time he did, he attained the honour of being the millionth person to have his prints recorded by the civil identification section of the bureau.

warden, who was acting as a steward at the meeting, said, "When I saw the men unfurl the banner, I pounced on one of them and held on to him. The banner was torn in the struggle. Other women got hold of the other man and both of them were thrown out of the building. I was not frightened, just very indignant."

Preserving Kipling's Old Home

ALTHOUGH it is intended that Kipling's old house, The Elms, at Rottingdean, and its grounds shall be preserved, the owner, Sir Roderick Jones, and the Brighton Corporation have agreed that the site shall be zoned in the local town planning scheme as for residential purposes.

The agreement was explained when the Ministry of Health inquiry regarding the town planning scheme for Rottingdean and district was resumed at Brighton recently.

Mr. C. J. M. Whitaker, appearing for Sir Roderick Jones, explained that the latter was a friend and neighbour of Kipling's. Before the town planning proposals he bought The Elms to preserve it.

MEMORIES

"It was always his intention to keep that property intact because of its memories for him and the public," continued Mr. Whitaker.

"But when the Corporation scheduled the property as a private open space, Sir Roderick objected."

"It was his intention during his life to preserve it, but one could never tell what circumstances might be in future generations, and he did not feel he could permit the property to be sterilised in perpetuity."

"Therefore, he asks that the property should be scheduled for residential purposes. So far as he is concerned the position is entirely academic."

"SHOOT IT OUT"

EL CENTRO, Cal. Hopes of the police to have a chance at last to "shoot it out" with a real bandit were shattered here. A telephone call had advised them that an armed bandit was sitting in a parked motor car. Police rushed to the scene and found a small boy with a cap pistol sitting in someone's automobile.

Japanese Occupation of Hainan

London. QUESTIONS were asked in the House of Commons recently regarding the steps to be taken to protect British interests during the Japanese occupation of Hainan. Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne asked the Prime Minister whether he will give orders for the immediate despatch of a British cruiser for the protection of British interests in the Island of Hainan so long as the Japanese remain in occupation there?

Mr. Butler: The question has been fully considered, but no decision has been taken to despatch a British war-

ship to Hainan in present circumstances.

Captain Graham asked the Prime Minister whether he will instruct His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo to press the Japanese Government for some further details of their excuse of military necessity for their present occupation of Hainan, and to obtain from them at least an explanation of the conditions which, in their view would terminate this necessity?

Mr. Butler: These matters are receiving consideration, but I cannot at the moment add any more.

He Nearly Failed His Only Son Through NIGHT STARVATION!

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YOU SAY YOU FEEL LIMP AND TIRED ALL DAY, HM? IT'S OFTEN A SIGN OF NIGHT STARVATION. THIS MEANS YOU ARE NOT REPLACING USED-UP ENERGY DURING SLEEP. I ADVISE YOU TO TAKE HORLICKS REGULARLY—LAST THING AT NIGHT.

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OH, FATHER, LET ME MIX YOUR HORLICKS.

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F1333—Cinderella Stay in my arms. Waltz. All Ashore. S.F.T.
F1332—Umbrella Man. ("These Foolish Things") F.T. Two Sleepy People. ("Thanks For The Memory") S.F.T.
F1331—Ferdinand The Bull. ("Ferdinand The Bull") F.T. Penny Serenade, Rumba. NAT GONELLA & HIS GEORGIAN.
F1342—Solitude. S.F.T. Blue Rhythm of the Blues. Blues. JOE DANIELS & HIS HOT SHOTS in DRUMNASTICKS.
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France Orders Torpedo Boats

Paris, Mar. 21. The French Admiralty announced today that the Naval Minister had signed an order to lay down four torpedo-boats of 1,772 tons each. Two of the boats are to be built at Seyne Sur Mer and two at Bordeaux.—Trans-Ocean.

PHILADELPHIA PORT

Philadelphia remained the second largest port in the United States in 1938, according to a survey by the navigation commission for the Delaware River and Army Engineers. The survey showed that \$1,000,000,000 worth of business was transacted through the local port.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO "REUTERS" AGENCY

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which enabled them to spread the cost over large areas, "Reuters" could distribute services at a price with which the other agencies were unable to compete. But for that organization, "Reuters" could not compete as they had successfully done with the heavily subsidized news services put out by foreign agencies.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.** **JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,** General Managers.

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The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from **MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

emergency arrangement, the aim of which was to secure the publication of more British news. The contents of "Reuters" services were left entirely free.—Reuter.

DECLARATION SOON BY BIG DEMOCRACIES

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the Rumanian capital to-morrow.—Reuter.

M. DALADIER'S MEASURES

Paris, Mar. 21. Measures announced by M. Edouard Daladier under his full powers include the following: Conscripts may be kept under arms when their service period has ended.

Reserves and specialists may be called to the colours for longer than normal.

Artillery effective to be increased by 3,000 officers and non-commissioned officers.

The irregular forces in North Africa to be augmented.

A 60-hour week in factories engaged in defence work.

A Directorate of arms production to be formed under the Ministry of Defence to speed up arms production.

Persons who have previously worked in arms factories may be recalled.

Publication of military information, not previously issued by the Government to be forbidden.—Reuter Special.

BRITAIN'S APPEAL TO SOVIET

Moscow, Mar. 21. The official Tass Agency has been authorised to deny that the Soviet Government recently offered its help to Poland and Rumania in the event of their being victims of aggression. It adds that Poland and Rumania did not apply for help, nor did they inform the Government of any danger threatening them.

What happened was that on March 18 the British Government informed the Soviet of the existence of weighty reasons to fear an act of violence over the possible position of Russia in such an eventuality.

In reply, the Soviet put forward a proposal for calling a conference of States most likely to be interested, namely Britain, France, Poland, Rumania, Turkey and the U.S.S.R. The British Government, however, found this proposal premature.—Reuter.

EFFECT ON FAR EAST

Tokyo, Mar. 21. The suggestion that Britain, France, and Russia will be obliged to modify their Eastern policy owing to developments in the European situation, is made by the Japanese press today.

The newspaper "Miyako Shimbun" says that Japan cannot but pay serious attention to the future course of events, because Europe was exposed to serious danger owing to the strengthening of the axis between Britain, France, and Russia, against Germany.—Reuter.

NO APPEAL TO U.S.

Washington, Mar. 21. Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, said today that no communication had been addressed to the U.S. Government regarding the central European situation by any Government, nor had the United States exchanged views on the situation with any other government.—Reuter.

NATIONAL REGISTER IN S. AFRICA

Cape Town, Mar. 21. Registration of the first of Reservoirs in the South African Union began today.

The Premier, General Hertzog informed Parliament that the Government in the very near future would make a statement on its attitude in connection with the European situation.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. WILL JOIN

Washington, Mar. 21. It is reliably stated that if the proposed anti-aggression declaration is signed by the European Powers, the United States would be willing to issue a similar declaration of its own.—Reuter.

DRAFT SUBMITTED

London, Mar. 21. Great Britain has submitted to France, Russia and Poland the draft of a declaration which will obligate the four powers to "immediately consult in the event of any further political aggression."

France is understood to have tentatively assented to the British formula when M. Bonnet was engaged in a long conversation with the British Foreign Secretary today.—United Press.

"PENN LAND"

Selinsgrove, Pa. A 30-foot-square plot of ground in Monroe Township near here, on which the 1754 Albany Treaty Line was established has been presented to the Commonwealth. The plot originally was deeded by William Penn to Christopher Forward in 1681. Since then it has had 16 owners.

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STOCKS: England is to manufacture aeroplanes in Australia. The Union Pacific Railway Company's February operating income was 68 per cent. under the same month of last year.

The United States Steel Corporation's first-quarter operating profit is estimated at \$23,000,000.

The Midvale Company's first-quarter orders exceeded those for the entire year of 1938.

EARNINGS: Sears, Roebuck, year ended December 31st, \$4.17 per share, against \$5.50 for the previous 12 months.

GRAINS: We expect the present programme of flour subsidy to continue to June 30th. The policy after that date has not been determined.

COTTON: The Secretary of Agriculture has asked for the continuation of price supporting devices in the farm programme.

RUBBER: Manufacturers bought to-day.

TIN: We expect a reduction in the second-quarter tin quota when the Committee meets to-morrow, or the elimination of the buffer pool.

LONDON AVERAGES: March 20 'March 21

Industrial Average 95.5 97.6

Rails Average 54.1 50.0

On basis December 31, 1934 equals 100.

MEMEL TO JOIN REICH

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state of emergency will be proclaimed to-night.

Reliable sources said Germany offered a treaty returning Memel to Germany and granting Lithuania extensive commercial concessions.

Berlin reports say, "According to informed circles the reports abroad that Germany has sent an ultimatum or note to Lithuania regarding Memel are untrue."—United Press.

MARTIAL LAW MAY BE PROCLAIMED

Kaunas, Mar. 21. Martial law, it is expected, will be proclaimed in Lithuania this evening owing to the fear of internal disorders.

The semi-official "Lietuvos Aidas," in a leading article headed "Beware of Enemies At Home," denounces the so-called Lithuanian activists who are accused of seditiously plotting against the State. The paper affirms that these activists have carried on a particularly lively agitation among the peasantry against the Government.

A Cabinet Council was held here this afternoon with President Smetana in the chair. Foreign Minister Urbysd reported to the Cabinet on his conversation with the German Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

SWEDISH MANOEUVRES

The Swedish naval manoeuvres are to be held in the Baltic Sea instead of off the western coast, due to the international situation.

LITHUANIANS EVACUATING

Memel, Mar. 21. The evacuation of Memel by Lithuanian soldiers stationed there began this afternoon. Troops are being transported to other parts of Lithuania, and it is expected that by Wednesday, there will be no Lithuanian soldiers left in the Memel district.

A Paris message says that an early solution of the Memel problem may be expected, according to the Kaunas correspondent of the "Paris Solr," who reports that the Lithuanians are concerned by the concentration of Polish troops on the frontier.

The correspondent adds that the

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existing Memel Statute will be replaced by a "Free City Statute" similar to that of Danzig.

It is further reported that Lithuanian soldiers are evacuating Memel, and that the postal, telegraphic communications are in the hands of the Memel National Socialist administration.

Another report from Memel says that a mass flight of Jews from Memel into the interior of Lithuania started to-day. The afternoon train to Kaunas was crowded to overflowing with Jewish fugitives. Lithuanians have concentrated troops on the border between Memel and Krottingen. It is believed that the troops now constituting the Memel garrison will take up positions there.—Trans-Ocean.

MORE GERMAN DENIALS

Berlin, Mar. 21. In a statement issued here this evening, official circles deny any knowledge of the despatch to Lithuania of a German note containing demands presented in the form of an ultimatum.—Trans-Ocean.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Manila	Emp. of Asia	March 22.
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Japan	Sirhana	March 22.
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Shanghai and Amoy	Philippines	March 23.
Japan	Shantung	March 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Atsuta Maru	March 24.
Formosa, Japan and Shanghai	Burdwan	March 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Hakone Maru	March 24.
Salgon	Klungchow	March 24.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th March	Pan American Airways plane	March 24.
Malilla	Pres. Pierce	March 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 25.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Papers etc.) London date 23rd February	Suwa Maru	March 25.
Java	Tylosroca	March 25.
Shanghai	Victoria	March 25.
Manila	Corneville	March 26.
Manila	Marchen Moersk	March 26.
Japan	Nagato Maru	March 26.
Straits	Protestant	March 27.
Shanghai	Anelock	March 27.
Straits	Heclor	March 27.
Japan	Rio de Janeiro Maru	March 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Wed., Mar. 22, 12.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Oder	Wed., Mar. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Hong Siang	Wed., Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	Wed., Mar. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Hosang	Wed., Mar. 22, 7.00 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Manilla	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Mar. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Foochow	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Mar. 23, 3.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 30th March	K.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 23, 7 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 23, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st April	K.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 23, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 23, 7 p.m.
Swatow	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Mar. 23, 7 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Kaying	Fri., Mar. 24, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Hakone Maru Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 4th April	K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 7 p.m.
Manilla, Australia and New Zealand Atsuta via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th April	K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Hakone Maru	K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Adeu, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd April	K.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 7 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Air Mail for Manilla, Guam, Hono-pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 31st March	K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 7.30 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow and Foochow	Chungking	Sat., Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Papers only for Straits	Sirhana	Sat., Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central Pres. Pierce	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
and South America via San Francisco and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 13th April	Parcels	Mar. 25, Noon.
	Reg.	Mar. 25, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 25, 2.10 p.m.
Amoy	Cremer	Sat., Mar. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Suwa Maru	Sat., Mar. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Manilla and Naples—due Naples, 10th April	Victoria	Sat., Mar. 25, 4.30 p.m.
(Papers only) for Straits and Kumsang	Parcels	Sat., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
(Papers and Papers only) for Calcutta	Papers	Mar. 25, 9 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow, Salgon and Bangkok	Kalgan	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Haiphong	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Wingsang	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.

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Anglo-French Friendship

It is employing no conventional
figure of speech to affirm that
at the present moment not only the
Governments but also the peoples
of Great Britain and France are
united by a friendship more inti-
mate and more cordial than at any
previous period in their long his-
tory. If any testimony were
needed it would be found in the
spontaneous and warm welcome
which last night greeted the arrival
in London of the French President,
M. Lebrun, and his wife.

To-day, cordiality between the
French and British peoples needs no
emphasising. It has been born of
common sacrifices in the past and
a common interest for the future.
Yet these things are not foremost
in the minds of the crowds that last
night welcomed London's dis-
tinguished visitors. The heart of
the Empire has shown its homage
to a President and his wife who
symbolise in their own persons the
highest virtues and rectitude.

That the visit has not also its
political significance it would be
foolish to pretend, but its political
purposes are subordinate to the
fact that M. Lebrun and his
wife are returning the visit which
Their Majesties made to the French
capital last year. Primarily, the
events in London during the three-
day visit will be a demonstration
and a pledge of the friendship be-
tween two nations that have been
drawn closer together in recent
years by a community of sentiment
and of interest. Secondly, but even
more important in ultimate con-
sequences, is the firm conviction that
from this friendship may come a
stronger basis for peace in troubled
Europe. Every aspect of the cele-
brations affords a guarantee of
closer co-operation in conciliation.

No happier result could come
from the visit of the French Pre-
sident than that it should offer that
assurance for the future which the
democracies of Europe seek. These
things will be the concern of M.
Bonnet, the French Foreign Minis-
ter who accompanies the President,
and of British Cabinet Ministers,
who will doubtless be in close con-
tact during the visit. At the mo-
ment they are thrown into the back-
ground.

One of the happiest incidents in
connection with the Presidential visit
was the call made yesterday on
Her Majesty—Queen Mary by M.
and Mme. Lebrun who, doubtless,
recalled the occasion on which Her
Majesty and the late King George
V visited Paris during the bleak
days of the Great War.

Equally with M. Lebrun, the
King struck a note of sincere
neighbourliness between the peoples
of France and Great Britain in the
drive from Victoria Station to
Epsingham Palace, where the dis-
tinguished visitors will reside until
Friday.

CARETAKER
at the Foreign Office

LORD HALIFAX

LORD HALIFAX, who
made a notable speech
on the European crisis
yesterday, has many private
virtues which endear him to
his friends.

He is deeply religious; he is
an ardent lover of country life;
he comes from a family in which,
for three generations, the tradi-
tion of public service has been
profound.

He held great public office be-
fore he became Foreign Secre-
tary. Earl Baldwin made him
President of the Board of Educa-
tion, and in 1926, Viceroy of
India.

In that latter capacity he was
not unsuccessful; for at least he
made British Imperialism look
less stark and ugly than it was
under Lord Reading or Lord
Willington.

Lord Halifax belongs to a
class that, I think, is peculiarly
English in outlook.

He is kindly and gentle in
manner. He is always prepared
for compromise on unessentials.
He is the perfect country gentle-
man.

He gives impression that his
political life is something ex-

ternal to his real interests. Just
as Earl Baldwin would have
wished—but for the call of duty
—to cultivate his garden, just
as Sir Edward Grey always
longed for his birds, so Lord
Halifax has assured us that he
would rather be Master of Fox-
hounds than Prime Minister.

But the call of duty was too
peremptory to be denied. His
friends think him indispensable
to the Party, so that, for its
sake, he did not avoid the in-
vitation to serve.

He is not a man of clear pur-
pose or of forthright speech.

At bottom, he is a mystic, who
could hardly explain his intel-
lectual processes even to himself.

He dislikes the clear-cut prin-
ciple and the downright mind.
He likes that twilight world of
intuition in which the sentiments
are uttered which all men can
approve.

He distrusts the ideas which
sharply demand practical ap-
plication. He does not like to
know directly where he is going.

He is all for "atmosphere" and
"understandings"—the impul-
sives which leave you a way out
in either direction.

Since 1936, he has been, per-
haps, the most influential mem-
ber of the National Government
behind the scenes—even more so
with Mr. Chamberlain than with
Earl Baldwin.

Under the former, he has been
the most powerful representa-
tive in the Cabinet of the policy
of appeasement—the instrument
of the country house aristocracy

which has felt that, at all costs,
war must be avoided.

He persuaded himself until
Hitler's latest adventure that,
somehow, it could be done
which would save Britain from
war. Until last week, no sacri-
fice was too great alongside the
imperative need for peace.

He believed that, wisely
handled, Hitler and Mussolini
could be persuaded to build their
empires without touching our
basic interests. They could be
taught to speak the language of
the gentleman.

War, Lord Halifax believes,
means revolution, and revolu-
tion means a Socialist society.

What, of course, Lord Halifax
refused to see was that all this
was the postulate of his own
thinking. That Hitler and
Mussolini regard the world as an
artichoke that they can eat as
they wish he did not for a mo-
ment contemplate.

That solemn engagements had
no meaning for them he did not
for a moment contemplate. That
they looked upon Great Britain
as the final enemy, to be destroy-
ed when they had a Fascist
Europe under their heel, did not
occur to him.

Hitler talks of
religion . . .

4th day of

"I ASKED HITLER QUESTIONS"

The questions are asked by an interpreter—and answered from
Hitler's best seller, "MEIN KAMPF" ("My Struggle"). Page re-
ferences at the ends of paragraphs refer to an edition issued for
Storm Troopers, an unexpurgated copy of which is used in the
compilation of this series.

Q. YOU have jailed Pastor
Niemöller and dozens of other
German Catholics and Protestant
priests. Why?

A. "The ravages caused by the
misuse of religious convictions
for political ends are the worst of
all. Really one cannot take severe
enough action against those miserable
crooks who see in religion a means
which gives them political or busi-
ness advantages.

"These impudent mouthers of lies
sell their faith to the whole world
with stentorian voice—not that they
want to die for their faith, but to
make a better living." (p. 294.)

Q. Are all priests bad?

A. "Among priests there are cer-
tainly such to whom their holy
office is only a means to satisfy their
political ambitions; but for such an
unworthy one there are a thousand
and more honourable men." (p. 126.)

Q. Would you like to abolish re-
ligion?

A. "Attack on religious doctrines
is very similar to attack on the
general legal basis of the State; and
just as the latter would end in com-
plete anarchy, so would the former
end in a worthless religious nihilism.
"The politician, however, should
measure the value of a religion less
by its perhaps inherent defects than
by the goodness of an evidently
better substitute. But so long as such
a substitute is apparently non-exist-
ent, the existing one can be destroyed
only by fools or criminals." (pp. 293-
294.)

Q. But religious persecution is a
commonplace in Germany. Are
Nazis enemies of religion?

A. "The movement refuses to take
any standpoint on questions
which either lie outside the frame
of its political work or are un-
important for its purpose. Its purpose
is a religious reformation but a political
reorganisation of our people. It sees
in both religious faiths (Roman
Catholic and Protestant) equally
valuable supports for the existence
of our people, and therefore combats
those parties which desire to degrade
this religious and moral foundation
of our people to the instrument of
their party interests." (pp. 379-380.)

Internationally-minded Communist."
(p. 632.)

Q. What do you think of the Roman
Catholic Church?

A. "Although its doctrine in many
points, and sometimes quite
superfluously, conflicts with exact
science and investigation, neverthe-
less it is not prepared to sacrifice the
least syllable of its dogma. It has
recognised very rightly that its power
of resistance does not lie in more or
less conforming itself to the scientific
thinking of the day—which in reality
is always changing—but in holding
rigidly to an established doctrine.
Thus it is stronger to-day than ever."
(p. 513.)

Q. What do you think of Protest-
antism?

A. "Protestantism represents better
the needs of Germanism." (p.
123.)

Q. What do you think of the Jewish
faith?

A. "In actual fact the Jewish re-
ligion is nothing but a doctrine for
preserving the Jewish race." (p.
165.)

Q. What do you think is the value
of religion?

A. "Faith, by helping to lift man
above the level of purposeless
animal life, in truth helps him fortify
and secure his own existence." (p.
410.)

MORE TO-MORROW

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I don't care what you've decided—we're not staying in to-
night! My face is all made up!"

Like Sir Edward Grey, he
could shut his eyes to all that
was unpleasant. He could pay
lip-service to the League. He
could preach a sermon about col-
lective security.

But also, like Sir Edward
Grey, he can admit, as he ad-
mitted yesterday, that he was
wrong. He can admit that this
is a real world and that Hitlerism
is a real menace.

What he did not grasp at
Munich he grasps at Prague.

Appeasement could not buy
off the deluge.

He could not transform Hitler
and Mussolini by his noble in-
cantations, so his tone has
changed.

He is not their willing tool.
Nor does he now assume that
the finer their words the more
sincere their intentions.

Much that is reminiscent of
British policy twenty-five years
ago will now creep into the
Foreign Office.

Britain is awakening to the
fact that the gravest danger to
the peace of Europe is the lack
of knowledge of the intimate
interdependence of peace and
democratic institutions.

Noble gestures may soon be
replaced by something radically
new. Pacific words do not bring
appeasement. Piece by piece,
the fortress of democracy has
been surrendered in the past—
that will not continue in the
future.

Last democracy pay a heavier
price than it already has paid by
the surrender to Fascism, the
lead is to Britain. And our
Foreign Secretary has shown, by
his speech in the House of Lords
yesterday, that the grim as-
sumption that the Dictators can
be won by appeasement is no
longer the policy of Britain.

Many people have feared in the
past that Britain would be car-
ried over into what is effectively
the Fascist camp. Hitler him-
self quelled these fears.

A gentleman does not break
his word. Lord Halifax has too
high a character to feel anything
but repugnance for what hap-
pened in Europe last week.

Munich was described as a
"Gentlemen's Agreement." Bri-
tain, France, Italy and Germany
shook hands on the understand-
ing that was arranged at that
German city. Mr. Chamberlain
courted disfavour at home for
his insistence that his part of
the agreement should be obser-
ved.

That is the position with Lord
Halifax to-day.

To-day's Thought

WHO'S in or out, who moves
this grand machine?
—CHARLES CHURCHILL.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

The Outlook

Too Critical For Conference

London, Mar. 21. The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says it is feared the situation may without warning become too urgent for a time for a conference of the Powers such as suggested by Moscow.

The Anglo-French view apparently is that a clear declaration signed by the principal Powers concerned and open admission of other States would be the most practical first step towards building up a new system of security based on mutual support in Europe.

The correspondent gathers that the Soviet is prepared to join the effort, provided it is satisfied that the Western Powers mean business. The Soviet would not necessarily confine the implications of such a declaration to Eastern Europe.

The writer says the impression was current in diplomatic circles yesterday that circumstances will dictate a pause in the German progress eastward, and it is thought probable that the next immediate German move may be against Lithuania where a coup to annex Memel is believed to be imminent. Apparently Lithuania is not now prepared to offer effective resistance, but it is understood that Poland would take a serious view should German ambition extend into the territory of Lithuania proper.

It is expected, however, that the next major development will come with the presentation of the Italian claims against France.—Reuter.

Joint Declaration Mooted

London, Mar. 21. The rapid drawing up of a declaration by Britain, France, Soviet Union and other Powers which would make it clear that any further acts of aggression will meet collective resistance is now being negotiated in London and other European capitals, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The initiative in this move has been taken by Britain and France, as it is felt that such a step would be the quickest and most effective way of preparing in advance against the dangers in any new and sudden aggressive move. This step follows quickly upon the Soviet suggestions that interested democratic Powers should at once hold a conference to define their attitude, in view of the new situation, and a declaration on the lines mentioned is preferable to a conference of present since it would make it less time to negotiate such an agreement than to arrange a conference.

The Russian attitude towards the British plan appears to be not unfavourable, but the Soviet definitely desire to satisfy themselves that Britain and France are really prepared to act should the occasion arise. It is possible that Russia, as a condition for adhering to the declaration, might stipulate that it be followed by a conference along the lines suggested by Moscow.—Reuter.

Democracies Collaborate

London, Mar. 21. The British Minister to Rumania saw King Carol yesterday, while the Minister for Greece saw the Prime Minister.

In the United States the British Minister called on Mr. Sumner Welles, while in London Mr. Joseph Kennedy called on Sir John Simon. At Downing Street, in Paris, Mr. Georges Bonnet received the United States and Soviet Ministers, and the British Charge d'Affaires.—Reuter Bulletin.

Stern Declaration Soon

London, Mar. 21. A declaration concerning Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia and expressing determination to resist any further German aggression is expected to be made by Europe's new "peace bloc" possibly in the next 48 hours.

It is still over early to say how many countries will subscribe thereto besides Britain, France and Russia, but there is confidence in Whitehall that the influence of these three Powers will prove a strong rallying point for the smaller Powers.

It is understood that the Government feels a swift declaration of opposition to German policy is more useful in the immediate circumstances where they concern the Powers as suggested by Russia.

It is argued here that if necessary a full dress conference can be held after the declaration has been launched. Nevertheless, it is understood that the conference idea has so far not yet been enthusiastically accepted by the Cabinet. The British Ministers are understood to prefer day to day consultation through diplomatic channels to meet the rapid trend of events.—United Press.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

armistice semaphore
ambulate amote
ambulate amote
ambulate amote
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

The European Situation

NEW ALIGNMENT AGAINST GERMANY IS INDICATED

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an appeal to the Church leaders to get together to discuss the German menace. He suggests that Pope Pius XII take the initiative, while he promises the support of all Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant Church leaders.

As the outcome of the Anglo-French suggestion of a joint discussion of the European situation, Soviet Russia has advocated a conference of Britain, France, Russia, Rumania, Poland and Turkey. Britain is not opposed to such a proposal. America is unlikely to consent to take an active part, while German comment is defiant. However, England, France and Russia will almost certainly, however, issue a joint united anti-Fascist declaration, and it is expected that the smaller nations will rally to this formal declaration of policy and that a conference can be held later when the situation is less critical.

France is proceeding with the secret partial mobilisation of thousands of reserve specialists and officers. A Paris report claims that movements of German troops are taking place in the region of the East Prussian and Lithuanian frontier.

Far Eastern Problem

London, Mar. 21. Russia makes participation in the planned six-Power agreement dependent on the guarantee of her frontier in the Far East, according to a report of the well-informed diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph this morning.

This condition is explained in Soviet quarters by the belief of the Moscow Government that safe guards applying to certain regions is not enough, but that peace must be assured everywhere in order to be assured at all.

The Daily Express expects that a six-Power declaration will be completed within the next 48 hours.—Trans-Ocean.

APPEAL BY ARCHBISHOP

London, Mar. 20. In the House of Lords to-day the Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking with regard to the German menace, urged the calling together of all Christians under the leadership of the Pope. "If His Holiness will give the lead I can promise that all leaders of the Anglican, Orthodox and Evangelical Churches will give their support."—United Press.

War Improbable

London, Mar. 20. Describing the situation as dangerous, reports of leading Ambassadors despatched to their governments to-day nevertheless characterised an immediate general war as improbable. All agreed in citing the British attempt to prepare an understanding with Russia as the most important phase of Britain's new policy.

Viscount Halifax is scheduled to receive the Polish Ambassador, Count Edouard Racynski, on Tuesday, when he will sound Poland's attitude in joining the proposed "Anti-Aggressor Coalition." Britain is similarly testing the intention of Yugo-Slavia, Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria.—United Press.

AMERICA WILL NOT SUPPORT WAR WITH TROOPS

Washington, Mar. 21. It is not believed that the U.S. Administration will consent to take an active part in a conference of peaceful Powers.

The contribution which the Administration hopes to make is economic and moral and there would be no support here for participation in a foreign war to the extent of sending armies overseas.

It is believed that the assurance that economic weapons would be at the disposal of the Democracies would consolidate the peace front in Europe.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA READY

Melbourne, Mar. 21. The Cabinet meeting which was attended by Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner to Britain, who was to have sailed for London yesterday but was asked to remain by the Premier, agreed in principle to the British proposals for manufacture of aircraft in Australia. The meeting also supported a united stand against aggression.—Reuter Bulletin.

United Front Advocated

Sydney, Mar. 21. The Australian press unanimously advocates a united front of democratic Powers.

The Melbourne Herald writes, "The encirclement of Germany by a group of nations determined to preserve their democratic ideals is the only possible answer. Australia upholds the new realistic policy against the German menace and welcomes the proposal to bring in Russia."

The Australians generally express the opinion that they must sink or swim with Britain.—Reuter Special.

SOUTH AFRICAN VIEW

Johannesburg, Mar. 21. The Rand Daily Mail asks whether Herr Hitler will continue his present policy. A lesser leader will certainly choose war, but Hitler is one of the shrewdest men in the world. He certainly knows facts and may have the strength.—Reuter Special.

PARIS PREPARING

Paris, Mar. 21. The first decrees under the special powers granted to the Government include secrecy regarding mobilisation, increase of personnel of the defence forces and measures to be taken to prohibit publication of information concerning national defence.

The number of working hours in arms factories has been increased to 50, instead of 45 previously, while the capital loan to arms factories has been increased to £3,500,000. The unemployed are being put to work in arms production will forfeit their rights to the dole for a year.

The French Cabinet, which passed the special powers bill yesterday, had a meeting at the War Ministry immediately afterwards at which the Commander-in-Chief of the North African forces, the Governor of Algeria and Chief of Staff of the Army were present.—Reuter Bulletin.

Economic Talks Stopped

Paris, Mar. 21. French economic negotiations with Germany have been suspended and the negotiators have returned to Paris.—Reuter Bulletin.

War-Time Footing

Paris, Mar. 21. Details of the new defence clearly show the importance of the measure which practically amounts to the mobilisation of industry. The creation of a new post of Director of Production at the War Ministry is practically equivalent to the establishment of a Ministry of Munitions.—Trans-Ocean.

Corisia's Defences

Paris, Mar. 21. The Corsica garrison has been further re-inforced by the arrival of 800 North African infantry on board the Koutoubia. The new fortifications on the island which have been greatly strengthened and enlarged since the "Tunis" and "Corisia" have been heard in the French Chamber.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY DEFIANT

Berlin, Mar. 21. The reported British plan for collective international action has brought forth a flood of attacks in the German papers, with defiance as the keynote of the comment.

Die Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "It would be a disastrous error to believe that Germany could be deceived by collective threat of her will to assert herself.—Reuter Special.

NAZIS LYING LOW

Prague, Mar. 20. German troops marched through Prague throughout the day on their way to the east. It is not known whether the movements have any connection with the severe fighting reported in Carpatho-Ukraine, where the separatist "Sic" Guards are still resisting the Hungarians.

The Nazis have pushed their re-organisation drive in Moravia and Bohemia, where Jewish suicides continue. Thousands have been unable to leave the country.—United Press.

Anti British Feeling Fanned

Berlin, Mar. 21. That Germany may be obliged to revise in principle its attitude towards Great Britain and to start on an entirely new diplomatic course in the relations with England is the keynote struck in a communiqué published by the official German Diplomatic Political Information.

The paper asserts that the recall of the German Ambassadors from London and Paris to report to the Reich Government and rejection of the British and French protests were not merely a formal matter, but the expression of discontent of the German Government, especially against Britain's attitude towards the solution of the Czechoslovak question.

The attempt to mobilise Rumania and to exercise with this State a new policy against Germany, can only be described as criminal. It adds, commenting upon the efforts now being made in England for a new anti-German alliance policy writes, "The challenge of the British Empire has been understood in Germany. A new league to be organised in England will scare us just as little as did the League of Nations in the past."

The 12 Uhr-Blatt brings a list of 16 different lies on which, says the paper, the new anti-German press campaign of hate is based.—Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAK MINISTERS IN BERLIN

Berlin, Mar. 21. The Slovak Ministers, M. Durcansky and Professor Tuka, have arrived here and will continue negotiations about Germany's relations to their country.

It is reported that the Premier, Dr. Tiso is also on his way to Berlin. German circles expect an agreement to be concluded and signed, it is announced, either to-day or tomorrow.

Anniversary Of Fascist Regime

Rome, Mar. 21. A meeting of the Grand Council will be held to-day. Preparations are being made for Sunday's celebration of the anniversary of founding of the Fascist regime. Loudspeakers have been installed in the main streets of the large towns and it is understood that Benito Mussolini will make a speech before noon.—Reuter Bulletin.

China

Attempt To Assassinate Wang Ching-wei

Hanoi, Mar. 21. Four would-be Chinese assassins visited the secret residence of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, ousted Deputy General Executive of the Kuomintang, in Hanoi at 3 a.m. this morning.

Attacked with pistols, Mr. Tseing Chung-ming, private secretary to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and his wife and one other person were seriously wounded. Mr. Wang Ching-wei was understood to have escaped unhurt.—Dome.

Educated in France, Mr. Tseing Chung-ming was formerly Vice-Minister of Railways in 1932-1935. Formerly a journalist, Mr. Tseing was once Editor of the Hui Nan Monthly in Shanghai.

A United Press message from Shanghai says that a foreign business message from Hanoi reports an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Mr. Wang Ching-wei but gives no details.

It will be recalled that on December 30 when Mr. Wang Ching-wei issued a statement advocating peace with Japan and supporting the peace principles as laid down by an earlier statement by Prince Konoye, former Japanese Premier, indignation arose at a subsequent meeting of officials in Chungking Wang was dismissed from all posts. Mr. P. S. Lin, former Secretary of Mr. Wang, was attacked in Hongkong.

Spain

Franco Wants Interned Fleet

Burgos, Mar. 21. The obstacles in the path of normalisation of Franco-Spanish relations and the difficulties which have prevented the newly appointed French Ambassador, Marshal Pétain, from presenting his credentials to the National Spanish Government, although he has been waiting in San Sebastian for several days, were announced last night over the National Spanish radio.

Before normal relations between the two countries can be considered, the Republican fleet interned in the Elscira harbour must be turned over to General Franco, the equipment of the Republican army which has been taken across the French frontier must be returned, and the livestock of Spanish peasants which has been driven into France and sold must be paid for.

Political circles evidence considerable surprise over the fact that the difficulties preventing resumption of relations between the two countries are thus publicly announced. France is sharply attacked in the radio broadcast, the speaker declaring that the French Government has endeavoured in every way possible to hinder the task of reconciliation.—Trans-Ocean.

TROOPSHIP ARRIVES

Wife of Malayan G.O.C. On Visit to Colony

The troopship Lancashire arrived in Hongkong yesterday with 550 naval details and army personnel. Mrs. Dobble, wife of the G.O.C., the 1st of Major General and Mrs. A. E. Grasset at Flagstaff House.

Among the passengers are Lieut. Col. F. D. Field, L.C. R.A., Lieut. P. J. T. Skipworth, R.A., Lieut. C. E. Otway, R.E., Lieut. D. C. Russell, R.E., Lieut. J. E. E. (for Japan), and Sister E. C. Gibbs of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. (for India via Hongkong), Q.M.S. W. J. Joff and family, eighteen families of NCO's and Privates and 50 NCO's and Privates.

A few details are going to Shanghai and Canton.

The Lancashire leaves for the United Kingdom on March 28.

VISIT TO MACAO

H.E. Major General A. E. Grasset and Brigadier A. B. Thomson will visit Macao on April 8, probably making the trip in one of H.M. Ships.

is announced, either to-day or tomorrow.

The fact that negotiations have been going on for nearly a week has given rise to persistent rumours that difficulties are being encountered.—Reuter.

Britain

French President In London

Channel Escort By Planes, Warships

London, Mar. 21. President and Madame Lebrun set foot in England in the early afternoon. They left Paris by special train which was gallily decorated and at the station they were farewelled by Cabinet Ministers.

At Calais the President inspected a guard of honour, after which he boarded the Channel steamer specially prepared for him. As the vessel left the French harbour French warships fired a salute of 21 guns.

In mid-Channel the steamer was met by British warships and a squadron of R.A.F. planes which escorted the President to Dover where the Duke of Gloucester welcomed him on behalf of the King. Their Majesties received the President and Madame Lebrun at Victoria station.—Reuter Bulletin.

Political Significance

London, Mar. 21. In welcoming the French President all newspapers make reference to the unexpected political importance which, owing to the events of the last few days, the visit has acquired, and emphasise that the ties which unite the two countries are recognised more clearly than ever before. Referring to conversations that will be held during the visit The Times says that both M. Bonnet, who accompanies M. Lebrun, and Lord Halifax have been engaged during the last week in a whole series of conversations with the Ministers of countries which have been alienated by the German policy of violence, and which are drawn together by common ideas as to how dealings of state with state should be conducted. Recalling the hopes entertained at the close of the Royal visit to Paris last July, The Times says, "It was hoped then that Germany would be a community of nations basing themselves on fair dealing and would accept the need of restraint and consultation which any association of nations always necessarily imposes. But Herr Hitler has chosen otherwise. As Lord Halifax said in the House of Lords, yesterday, he has completely repudiated the spirit of the Munich Agreement, the essence of which was that an advance from it to a general settlement should be achieved by way of consultation. He consulted last week with no one but his own subordinates."—British Wireless.

France

Government To Buy Famous Picture

Tokyo, Mar. 21. The French Government is negotiating with the Ohara Art Gallery at Kurashiki in Okayama Prefecture to purchase the "Annunciation," the masterpiece of El Greco, famed Spanish artist, the Chugai Shogyo reports.

The paper says that the masterpiece, priced at Yen 1,000,000, attracted the curiosity of the late Japanese painter, Mr. Torajima, who found it in a shop in Paris in 1920 and recommended it to his patron, Mr. Bagosaburo Ohara, proprietor of the Ohara Art Gallery.

The picture changed hands for Yen 60,000 and was brought to Japan in 1920. The painting, of large size represents, Mary and Angel in a striking composition characteristic of El Greco.

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China-Russia

New Air Line Ready This Week

Chungking, Mar. 21. It is confirmed that the new Chungking-Hankow air line will be inaugurated on March 24 with Chinese pilots and crew. It will be under the direct control of the Ministry of Communications, the planes belonging to the Ministry.

The Chungking-Hankow line represents the easternmost section of the forthcoming Chungking-Moscow air line which will bring air communication between Chungking and Moscow within four days.

Following the inauguration of the Chungking-Hankow section, another linking Hankow and Aimag will be opened. The Soviet being able to govern the Soviet aviation network linked up with Moscow.

A passenger ticket for the single journey from Chungking to Hankow will cost 1,150 yuan and air mail postage will be 30 cents.—United Press.

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COLONY'S FINANCES

Increased Demand For Sand And Higher Cost

Votes to a total of over \$400,000 will go before a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow. The largest item is \$140,000 for the purchase of sand.

The memoranda explaining the items are as follow:

Estimates, 1939

Volunteer Defence Corps Ammunition \$5,378. Required for small arms ammunition ordered in 1938 and not yet paid for.

Motor Turntable Fire Engine Chassis \$395. A motor turntable fire engine chassis was purchased in 1938, but the Crown Agents' charges for insurance (including war risks) of this item were not received until this year.

Diaphone for Waglan \$3,100. Provision was made in 1938 Estimates of \$40,023, \$3,300 of this lapsed at the end of the year. A revote of \$3,100 is requested to meet the cost of alterations to a building at Waglan necessary for the installation of the diaphone, for which no provision has been made in the 1939 Estimates.

"Short" Rubber Buys for Flying Boats \$9,000. On grounds of economy, the order for these buoys was not placed until the latter end of 1938, and payment was not made by the Crown Agents until after the end of the year.

Air Services Rent of Public Telephone \$240. It is necessary in the interests of the public service to provide public telephones for the Assistant Superintendent of Aerodrome and the Marine Supervisor.

Legal Expenses \$8,000. The Crown Agents' account for January, 1939, contains an item of \$8,032 in respect of professional services in connection with the appeal to the Privy Council of Chung Chi Cheung against sentence of death passed upon him in Hongkong.

Medical Department Apparatus and Chemical \$210; owing to the late arrival of Crown Agents' accounts.

Emergency Expenses

Emergency Expenses of Police Force arising from the Sino-Japanese Conflict \$80,000. The \$25,000 provided has proved insufficient, and a further sum of \$55,000 is required to meet payment of Military and interned soldiers' accounts.

Fearless Handcuffs \$100; owing to the cost of the handcuffs being higher than was estimated.

Wireless Instruments, etc. \$1,400. The indent forwarded to Crown Agents in 1938 has not been completed.

Prisons Department Steel Filing Cabinets \$276. There is no adequate cabinet in this Department except a very old wooden one which is unserviceable and requires to be replaced.

Aerological Investigation, (Hongkong) \$15,000. It is desired to provide for a daily meteorological flight by one of the machines of the Far East Aviation Co., Ltd. On these flights the temperature and humidity of the air at each 1,000 foot level is determined up to a height of 12,000 or 14,000 feet. From these readings a forecast can be made of the height, density and stability of the several cloud layers. This knowledge is of great assistance in making a general weather forecast. As no provision is made for this in the Estimates, a vote for the estimated cost from April 1 to December 31, 1939, equal to \$15,000, is requested.

Purchase of Sand \$140,000. Owing to a substantial increase in the demand for sand and to the decision that larger reserve stocks should be held, besides an increase in the cost of collecting and conveying sand from beaches, the sum of \$100,000 provided under this sub-head will be insufficient. The selling price of sand has been increased, and the sum now

asked for will be offset by additional revenue collected.

New Crown Sites

Drainage Work \$25,000. The factory reservation at Lai Chi Kok has been fully allocated. Further applications for adjoining sites have been received, and it is proposed to extend the reserved area by diverting an open nullah at an estimated cost of \$25,000. An adequate return on this outlay would be assured to Government in Crown Rents from the new sites which will become available.

Argyle Street, communications, \$55,255. Building sites in the new area have already been sold and in view of the existing demand for further sites, it is considered essential to hasten progress on this extension.

Extension of Tarmac around Hangar, Kai Tak Aerodrome \$9,500. The tarmac area to the north of the hangar at Kai Tak is too small to meet the requirements of the larger machines and greater amount of air traffic at the Airport. It is considered necessary to extend this area as early as possible.

Mental Hospital

Conversion of Nursing Sisters' Quarters G.H. to a Mental Hospital \$34,500. The increasing number of patients received in the Hongkong Mental Hospital has rendered necessary an immediate extension to the existing premises. It is proposed to meet this need by converting the former Nursing Sisters' Quarters at the old Government Civil Hospital.

Naval Arsenal Yard and Kellet Island \$40,052. The final payment in respect of the transfer to Government of the Naval Arsenal Yard has now become due, and provision for this payment was not included in the current Estimates.

Total of all votes, \$414,145.

New Orleans Healthier

New Orleans, New Orleans, was a slightly healthier city in 1938, according to statistics from the city board of health, in estimating the present population, at 523,000, the board said the death rate was 15.44 per thousand, compared with 15.50 in 1937 and 17.31 in 1936.

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RUMJAHNS EXTENDED BY OPPONENTS IN SINGLES

"H. D." DEFEATS KWOK: SIRDAR BEATS G. CHOA

(By "Abe")

Though George Choa did not succeed in beating that seasoned campaigner, S. A. Rumjahn, in the second round of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, he may have the satisfaction of knowing that he put up a very fine fight and that only lack of experience perhaps prevented him from giving even a better account of himself.

In defeat, however, he triumphed; for from the purist's point of view, it was he who played the better tennis. Whereas his veteran opponent's style, as always was inclined to be cramped and sometimes awkward, his was free and easy and at times his play reached a very high standard indeed. But he lacked stability and made mistakes when he could ill afford them. A little steadiness here and a little more forcefulness there would have made a great difference to the result as far as he was concerned.

For instance, had he but seen that Rumjahn was willing under the sustained accuracy of his driver on both wings in the early stage of the game, he might have forced the pace a little more when he was leading by 4-1 and thus taken advantage of Rumjahn's uncertainty, which was very evident at this period. Instead, he allowed his opponent to recover.

RUMJAHN RECOVERS

Indeed Rumjahn recovered so well that he levelled the scores at 4-4, and though Choa took the lead once again at 5-4, the Indian managed to "square the game" once more. Thereafter it was obvious that he had not over his uncomfortable period and he won the next two games for the set.

In the second set, Choa was again able to hold his own and actually led 3-2 and 4-3. But embarking on a net campaign, Rumjahn then forced Choa into a number of errors, and won out in the tenth game.

If only he had clinched the first set when he was presented with two opportunities of doing so, F. H. Kwok might have made H. D. Rumjahn's task considerably harder. But he missed them both, and Rumjahn, after winning the set at 7-5, was never troubled again, and advanced severely into the third round. The second set was comparatively easy.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

S. A. Rumjahn beat George Choa 7-5, 6-4.
H. D. Rumjahn beat F. H. Kwok 7-5, 6-2.
Wong Shu-wing beat W. K. Ma 6-2, 6-3.

going to only eight games before the Indian won out.

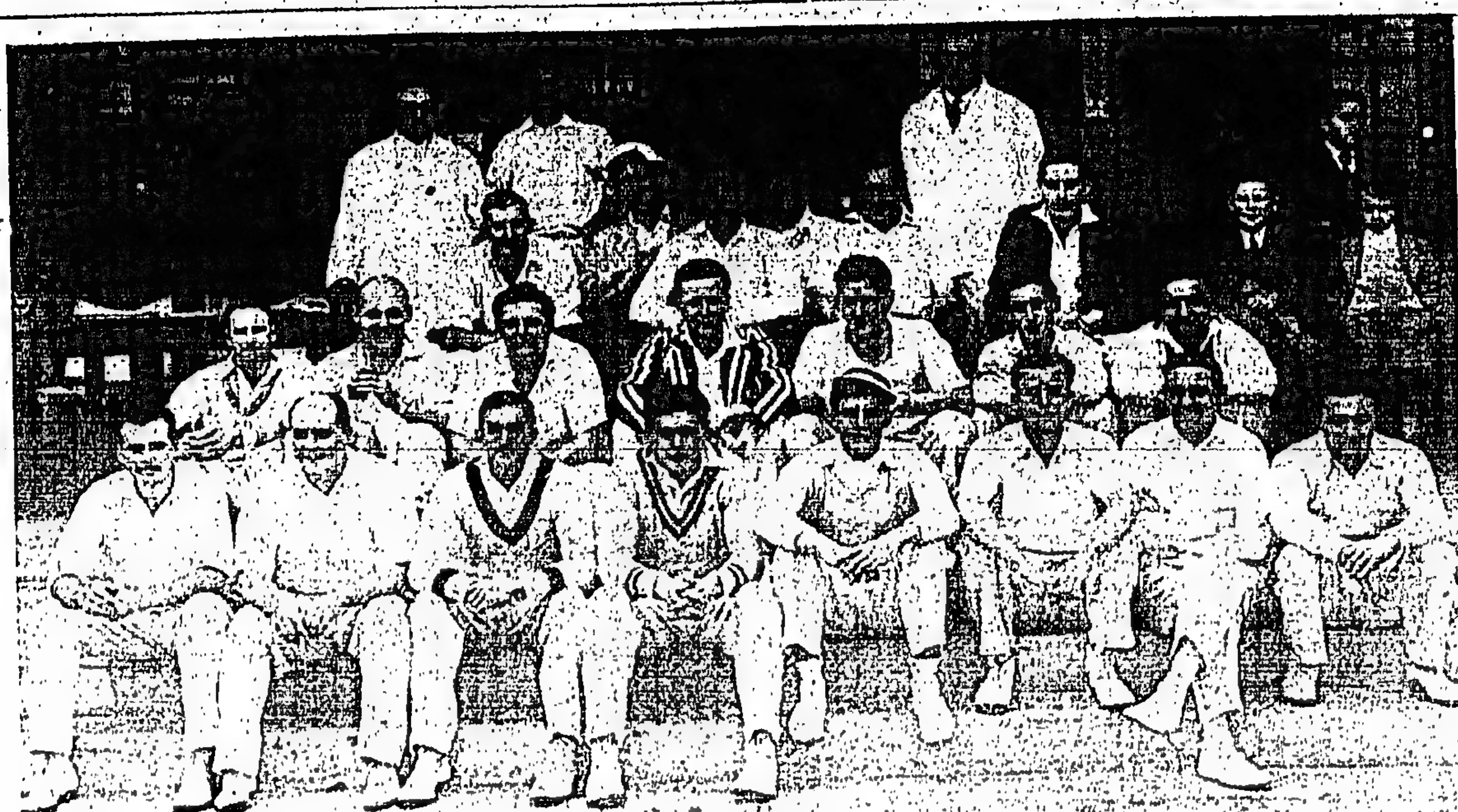
There was a lot of hard hitting in this encounter, and in the first set Kwok was by no means outplayed. In fact when Rumjahn tried to storm the net, Kwok often passed him with the greatest ease.

Wong Shu-wing entered the third round by beating a Club-mate, W. K. Ma, in a match played more by steady play rather than brilliant rallies. Wong, who was the better player all round, won in straight sets.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Open Singles.—Leung Ping-chiu v. Lee Wan-tong; Lam Kwan v. Lieut. J. M. Tomlinson; Peter U. v. A. Crawford; Ho Ka-lau v. W. C. Hung.
Handicap Doubles.—R. M. King and J. P. Murphy v. J. Thomson and R. G. Biesi; F. H. Stokes and M. M. Davies v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd.
Handicap Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman v. Lt. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Church; L. P. and Mrs. Ralph v. R. Gordon and Mrs. Shewan.



Above were the players who took part in the cricket match last Sunday between Jardine, Matheson and Co. and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The match, played on the Civil Service C.C. ground, resulted in a win for Jardine's by 10 runs.—Photo by Mee Cheung.

Rifle Shooting

Dockyard Club Beaten By Range Staff

There was a good attendance at Stonecutters on Saturday, and the usual high standard of shooting was witnessed.

The Range Staff and Dockyard Rifle Club shot off their match for the Bellis Shield Competition, and this resulted in a win for the Range Staff by 42 points. The Dockyard, however, are to be congratulated on the excellent show they put up against their more redoubtable opponents.

The scores are shown below:

RANGE STAFF				
S.R. (b)	200	300	400	Totals
Cpl. F. Cole	33	33	30	96
P. O. Silcock	33	34	30	97
P. O. Swan	33	33	30	96
Sgt. Heap	29	31	31	91
P. O. Richards	33	31	31	95
Capt. Carless	33	31	31	95
				552

D.M. Dockyard

S.R. (b)	200	300	400	Totals
W. Austin	31	31	30	92
T. J. Boulton	31	31	30	92
J. Trenouth	31	31	30	92
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Scores in the Spoon shoot were:

S.R. (b)	200	300	400	Totals
Mrs. F. Heather (scr.)	32	31	33	96
Mr. Sub. L. M. B. M. B.	32	31	33	96
(3)	32	31	33	96
Cpl. F. Cole	33	34	30	97
Cpl. G. P. Carey (1)	33	34	30	97
Cpl. G. P. Carey (2)	33	34	30	97
Cpl. G. P. Carey (3)	33	34	30	97
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Cpl. G. P. Carey (7)	33	34	30	97
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Here And There With "Abe"

Navy & South China 'A' Still Neck To Neck

ONE of the peculiarities of the League Soccer matches played last Saturday was the way in which the results of the important matches worked out. South China 'A'—copiedly expected to beat the Police, were defeated, and this reverse would have seriously jeopardised their prospects for the championship but for the fact that the Royal Navy, the present leaders, were themselves defeated by Eastern. And the position at the top of the League Table was therefore unchanged. It is an interesting situation. The Navy, with one more match left to be played, have a total of 29 points and South China 'A', with three more games, have 26 points. This means that if the Royal Navy win their remaining fixture, they will place themselves in a very good position. Piquancy is added to the fact that the Navy's last game is against South China 'A'. This championship thus hinges on the result of this match. A victory for the Navy will mean good-bye to the Chinese hopes, whereas a win for the Caroline Hill men will probably see them carry off the championship as their two other games are against St. Joseph's and the Police. (To be played to-day and against Kowloon (to be played on Saturday). The Navy v. South China 'A' match will probably be played next week, and will provide a fitting climax to the First Division League season. Unfortunately for the Navy, some of their best players are away from the Colony at the moment, but if they can field anything like the team which did duty for the most part of the season, a very good game should result from the meeting.

Swimmer Arrives

LOCAL swimming circles will be interested to hear that among the passengers arriving by the Chenonceaux in Hongkong on Sunday was Henry Yeo, one of Singapore's best all-round swimmers, who is joining St. Stephen's College. He intends to study aviation in Hongkong and the course will extend over five years. Noted goal-getter for Y.M.C.A. Juniors in water-polo, Yeo represented Singapore in the Malayan Chinese Olympic in 1937. Recently this year he won the men's championship of the Singapore Chinese Swimming Club. Yeo excels in long distance events, having swum many close races with Yeo Jui-mok, a 1,500 metres. He has won more than a dozen cups and medals in competitive swimming, and his sisters, Elsie and Mary Yeo, are equally well-known in Malaya for their active interest in aquatics.

Davis Cup Hopes

MUCH controversy existed recently as to whether Australia should challenge in the European Zone or the American Zone of the Davis Cup this year. Now that Donald Budge has turned professional, Australia feels it has a great chance of once more securing the tennis trophy. Norman Brookes, president of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, wished to challenge in the American Zone, but Harry Hopman, who captained Australia's team last year and has again been selected in this capacity, is a year, favoured the European Zone as a steady backcourt game.

Australian Woman Star For England

Brisbane, Mar. 6.

A fine response is being made by the Australian public to the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association's appeal for funds to send Mrs. Emily Westacott, Australian woman lawn tennis champion, and Miss May Hardcastle, New Zealand titleholder, to Wimbledon this year. The Association has given its official sanction to the trip and it is thought likely that both women players will go to England.

Mrs. Westacott, known as "Our Girl" in Queensland, is one of the hardest hitters in the game and a spectacular player. Miss Hardcastle is a more orthodox player with a steady backcourt game.

America Lucky In Irish Draw

Dublin, Mar. 21.
The second day's proceedings of the Sweepstakes commenced with the draw of 10 residual prizes of £442 each. Of these, America had 26, Europe 12 and Ireland three.

Then followed the £100 consolation prizes. America again had the greatest slice of the 1,300 prizes, getting 715 of them, while Europe was next with 310.—International Press Bureau.

ORGANIZERS THANKED

Dublin, Mar. 21.
Senator Rowlett, closing the proceedings to-day, thanked everyone for their support and acknowledged a great debt to the organizers. He emphasized the importance of the encouragement of research in preventive as well as in curative medicine.—International Press Bureau.

British Race Horses Still Best in World Says Lord Rosebery

Breeders Told How Thoroughly Strain Has Been Kept For Two Hundred Years — Compared With French Horses

London.
In spite of the number of French Classic winners, the Earl of Rosebery maintains that British thoroughbred race horses are still the best in the world. Lord Rosebery is chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and at the annual meeting at Newmarket he described the task of keeping the strain pure.

Since the reign of Henry VIII, he said, there had been a special breed of racehorse in this country which breed was crossed with the Turks, Arabs and Arabians, and gave rise to the English thoroughbred. From 1727 accurate records of the racing performances of members of this breed, and the ancestry of many members of the foundation stock of an earlier date, had been carefully preserved.

RECORDS CAREFULLY KEPT

Based on these data, Mr. Weatherby, keeper of the match book at Newmarket, issued the first volume of the General Stud Book in 1791. Horses and mares which could not be traced in every line of their ancestry, were not eligible for the English Stud Book and were not entitled to be described as thoroughbred.

Forty-two years ago the importation of horses from the United States and also Australia caused closer attention to be paid to their ancestry. Mr. Weatherby consulted the Jockey Club and after a conference between leading breeders it was decided that a claim to admission to the Stud Book should be based on satisfactory proof of eight or nine crosses of pure blood, and that an animal should trace back at least a century and show such performance

of its immediate ancestry on the turf as to warrant the belief in the purity of its blood.

REGULATIONS TIGHTENED

In 1909 it was pointed out that according to this ruling many American horses were able to gain entrance to the Stud Book though they were far from being thoroughbred. In 1913 it was decided that after that date no horse or mare can be considered eligible for admission unless it can be traced without flaw on both sire's and dam's side of its pedigree to horses and mares already accepted in earlier volumes of the book.

"I earnestly hope," said Lord Rosebery, "that no one will ever induce Weatherby's to alter this rule."

Lord Rosebery pointed out that England's two great races, the Derby for three-year-olds and the Gold Cup, for three-year-olds and older, the Derby has been won three times by French horses—Gladiator, a great horse, but no good at the stud, Barbur II, a moderate racehorse of no stud value in this country, and Bois Roussin, this year's winner.

The Gold Cup, a magnificent test for stamina, has been won twice in all its history by American horses, Foxhall and Flares, and three times in the last sixty years by three French horses, Massine, Maximum II and Elf II.

Jiro Yamagishi To Retire from Tennis

JAPAN'S LEADING PLAYER FACED WITH PROBLEM

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

Although Jiro Yamagishi, national amateur singles and doubles champion of Japan for several years, has been offered a place on the Japanese Davis Cup team for the fifth consecutive year, it is doubtful if he will accept it, says the *Nichi Nichi*.

The 20-year-old court star, who graduates from Keio University this spring, referred to his statement last December, in which he declared that he was retiring from tournament tennis this year, in order to start a business career with the Asahi Glass Company.

He already has signed a contract with the company, he says, and feels that he cannot abdicate it. He also is more interested in his future security than in winning tennis laurels.

The announcement that he will not play this year for the Japanese Davis Cup tennis team has behind it the personal problem which confronts every champion amateur athlete—that is, whether to continue athletics indefinitely or to settle down and seek a job immediately after graduation.

Although his team-mate of the 1938 Davis Cup team, Fumitaka Nishino, has already accepted a place on this year's team, Yamagishi, who is Japan's No. 1 player, some time ago started Japanese tennis circles by expressing doubts as to his participation.

TOP PLAYER

Yamagishi has been top player in Japanese tennis tournaments for several years now. Although his expressed intention not to play has greatly disappointed fans, the majority of them are wholly in sympathy with his motive.

Interviewed by the *Osaka Mainichi*, Yamagishi reiterated his rejection of the bid.

"Being a tennis star is all right, but there's no future in it. It isn't

as if I had been commissioned as an official diplomat by the Foreign Office to promote international relations through sports. If I got a job, I don't intend to play international tennis. I don't want to be a burden on any company. I have long wished to join the navy also. I expect to take my physical examination soon and the middle of April may see me a sailor. At any rate, I want to emphasize that, after I start work, my tennis days are over."

Tamio Abe, captain of the 1938 Davis Cup team, was much disappointed by Yamagishi's move, although he said that Yamagishi probably did the right thing.

"It's a delicate problem, all right. It's too bad, though, because this year Yamagishi is in the best form of his career and would really go places in the tournaments. I think now he can match anyone in the world. The whole world will be surprised to hear that Yamagishi has retired."—*Reuter*.

Two Badminton Ties Played

Two quarter-final matches in the Colony Badminton Championships were played last evening on the Tai-koo court.

In the Senior Men's Singles, K. L. Yung defeated M. A. Oliveira by 15-5, 15-7, and in the Mixed Doubles, P. K. Hui and Miss Ullian Khoo (holders) beat A. Keown and Miss R. Summers 15-12, 10-17 and 15-0.

Tom Farr's Licence Is Reinstated

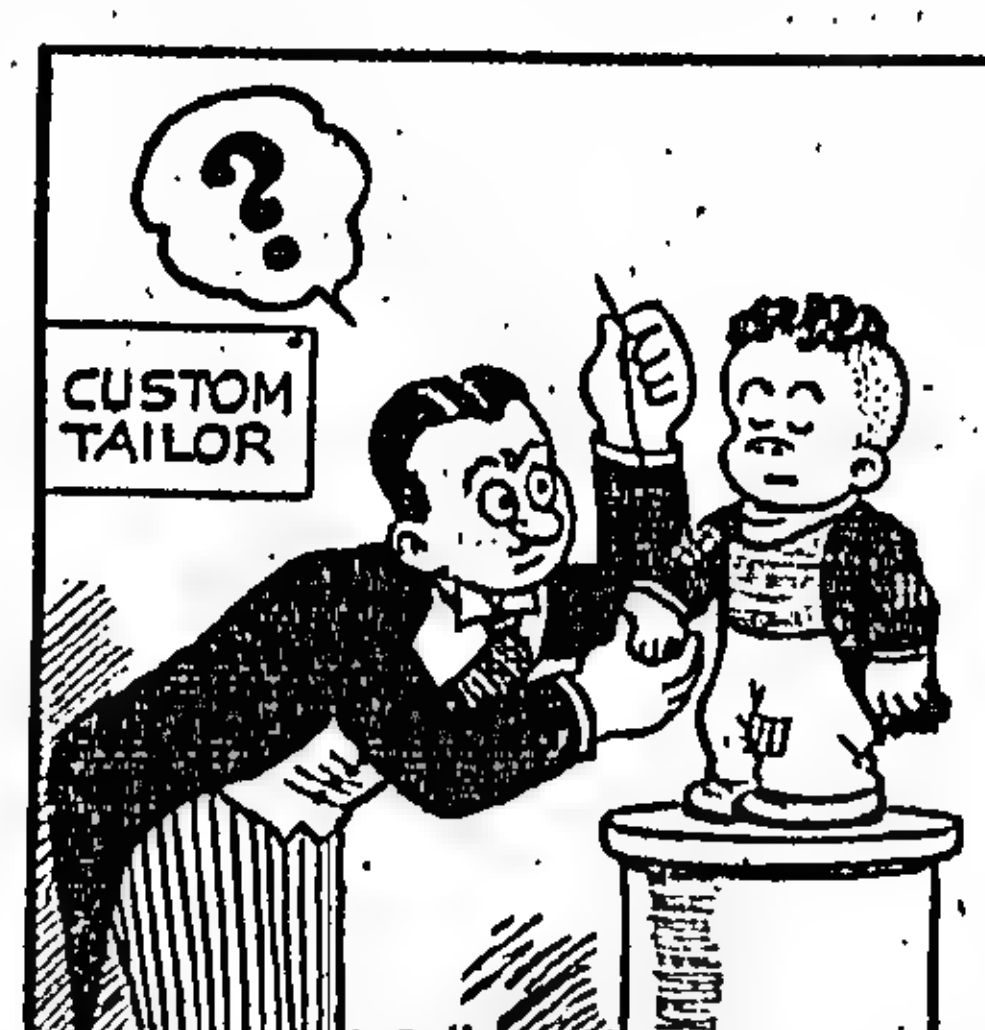
London, Mar. 15.

The British Boxing Board of Control announced they have received from Tommy Farr £2700 in settlement of a claim by Sydney Halls. The Board stated: "This sum having been paid by Farr the suspension is withdrawn and the boxer's licence of Farr is reinstated."—*Reuter*.

This amount was claimed by Halls and supported by the Board, as part of the promoters' profits of the fight between Farr and Ford in March 1937.

Tennis

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

YATES WILL DEFEND HIS AMATEUR TITLE

American Golfer's Long Journey For A Gamble: May Repeat His Feat

London, March 1.

Charles Yates, of Atlanta, Georgia, who won the British Amateur Championship last year, will defend his title at Hoylake in the week beginning May 22.

Aged twenty-five, and an outdoor representative of a banking house, Yates was a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team which was beaten at St. Andrews last year for the first time in the history of the event.

He emulated the achievement of his friend, R. T. Jones, by winning the championship from one of the strongest fields ever assembled. Yates is the fifth American holder of the title in the last eight years, and on the last four visits of the U.S. team a member of it has returned home British champion.

It is a wonderful record of American efficiency and determination. With the exception of his first-round match against Fischer, a member of the U.S. team, and the semi-final against Hector Thompson, both of which he won at the nineteenth, Yates was never seriously pressed.

Standing upright, and punching the ball hard and true with a well-controlled swing, he was the only American player capable of producing a consistently high standard of golf throughout a week of strong winds and heavy rain.

As a putter Yates lived up to the reputation of all first-class American golfers. Without fuss or irritating preliminaries, he rapped the ball firmly at the hole. It was principally in this department of the game that he beat the giant Irishman, Cecil Ewing, by 3 and 2 in the final.

A GREAT FAVOURITE

Yates's breezy manner, which makes him a great favourite among the crowds, is in striking contrast to the life-and-death attitude adopted by most players of the championship class. He laughs at his mistakes, cracks jokes with the caddy, and talks to anybody; in fact, he treats the whole thing as good fun. After winning he said: "Well, I was just lucky; if the championship were played again, any of the British boys might bump me off in the first round."

Though not expecting to be "pumped off" in the first round at Hoylake, Yates is fully aware that in travelling 8,000 miles there and

back to defend his title he is undertaking a tremendous gamble. "I shall do my best, of course, but it is too much to hope that I shall be lucky enough to win again." Still, what his compatriot, Lawson Little, achieved in 1934-5 is not beyond the capacity of Yates.

He has an additional incentive to win at Hoylake, for it was there, in 1939, that the master golfer Jones, a fellow member of his home club, by winning the Open, made it possible to accomplish the greatest feat of all time—the Grand Slam of golf.

A GREAT RECORD

Hoylake produced two outstanding figures in the game, John Ball and Harold Hilton, who, between them, won fifteen national championships, a record that no two men, members of the same club, are ever likely to equal.

The three post-war winners of the Amateur title at Hoylake are W. I. Hunter, a Post Office telegraphist, who went to America and turned professional; Dr. W. Tweedell, of Stourbridge, who captained the British Walker Cup team; and the Hon. Michael Scott, who astounded the younger generation by winning at the age of fifty-five. That was seven years ago, and Scott is still playing at first-class golf, though he would ridicule the suggestion that he was capable of repeating that famous victory.

While, on this occasion, he will have few, if any, of the leading American players to contend against, Yates will meet stern opposition in J. Fenner, the Australian champion, and James Bruen, the Irish youth who missed last year's championship in order to concentrate all his energies on the Walker Cup match.

Yates and Bruen met in that contest, and it is not without significance as a guide to this year's championship that the American only won at the thirty-fifth hole—2 and 1.

MERIT MAY WIN

Having, meanwhile, gained much valuable experience, it would not be surprising if Bruen turned the tables on Yates. Of all the younger players, Bruen is the most likely to win the championship.

Besides having an undoubted flair for the game, his self-confidence is supreme. To see him sitting on a shooting-stick calmly viewing the surroundings while an opponent plays his shot is a sight not usually associated with a youth of eighteen.

That Bruen is a golfer of all-round merit is shown by his wonderful score of 282 from the championship tees at St. Andrews during the Walker Cup trials, winning a total of 285 in the Open of 1927.

Given a little luck, with which all winners of championships are favoured, the Irish youth, who combines great length with accuracy, may well turn out to be the new British champion.

There are other players, of course, in the running, among them Thomson, Scotland's No. 1 player; L. G. Crawley, a mighty hitter, who, if practice and determination count for anything, should win everything; A. T. Kyle, a young Scotsman from Leeds, who was one of last year's "discoveries"; Gordon Peters, a Glasgow golfer of proved ability; and Frank Pennik, English champion for the last two years, a player who goes on hitting the ball down the middle with a persistency calculated to break through the defences of any opponent.

A DIFFICULT COURSE

At full stretch Hoylake is 7,200 yards, the longest of all the championship courses, and also one of the most difficult; the last five holes providing one of the severest tests.

The man who wins at Hoylake will be a worthy champion, for he will



WOMAN SQUASH RACKETS TEAM from America, visiting England for the international match for the Wolf-Noel Cup, in which they were defeated by the English team. Left to right: Miss Anne Page (Capt.), Miss E. Pearson, Miss B. William, Miss F. Scharman, Miss M. Bostwick and Miss H. Stone.

Pen Pictures Of Lady Interport Hockey Players

In his weekly hockey notes to-morrow, our hockey correspondent, "The Pilgrim," will include pen-pictures of the ladies selected to visit Shanghai for the Interport next month.

Chinese Team Chosen For Lai Wah Cup

The following players will represent the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup final against the Civilians, to be played on Sunday, March 26, on the Club ground:

Tan Kwun-kon (S. China "B"); Ho Yung-sang (Kwong Wah); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); Hsu King-shing (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sun (S. China "A"); Fung King-cheung (S. China "A"); Lee Wai-long (S. China "A"); Capt. Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves.—Mak Siu-hon, Chan Tai-fai, Lee Tuck-kee, Chan Ping-to, Cheuk Shiek-kam, Wong King-chung, Chow Man-chai, Tsang Chung-wan and Lo Wai-kuen.

be called upon not only to drive far and sure, but to play every conceivable type of shot. In a high wind the course is a veritable nightmare to all but the strongest players, and, certainly, it is no place for the bigger and lighter ball.

It is possible that the fourteen clubs rule which has received the partial blessing of St. Andrews, may be put into operation prior to the championship, in which case players will require to undertake a drastic overhaul of their present equipment.

In some cases as many as six and eight clubs will need to be weeded out, but, generally speaking, the number will be small, as many players have found that the matched set of fourteen clubs is ample for all purposes.

It might be as well to point out that, while a player cannot borrow a club from his partner, or opponent, as the case may be, he is permitted to replace a broken club during the course of the round. The point has been raised as to whether a player, having reached the ninth hole, can start the homeward journey with an entirely new set of fourteen clubs.

Though nothing to the contrary has been laid down in the proposed new regulation it is only reasonable to suppose that a player must finish the round with the set of clubs with which he started, exceptions being made only in the case of replacements by accidental breakages. As in all other instances, the spirit of the rule must be observed.

Owners And Trainers Optimistic Regarding Grand National Race

London, Mar. 22.

Considering the tremendous odds against a horse even finishing, many owners and trainers are singularly optimistic regarding the prospects of their horses in the Grand National Steeplechase, which will be run at Aintree on Friday.

Mr. Goldsmith, trainer of Black Hawk, considers that the horse has a very good chance.

Mr. Beeby, trainer of Brandon's Cottage and Rockquill, says the former has an excellent chance, having won over the course, while Rockquill also likes Aintree.

Mr. Arthur Sainsbury, owner of Blue Shirl, says the horse is much better than it was last year when it came in seventh.

Mr. Bridgman, trainer of Epiphany, points out that the horse has never fallen.

Mr. Wright, trainer of Inverleith, says the horse has a winning chance.

Mr. Good, trainer of Pencarik, says the horse is an Aintree specialist. It finished fifth in the last two years and is sure to complete the course.

Mr. Walker, trainer, expects Royal Daniel to give a good show.

Mr. Rimett, trainer of Temewillow, considers the horse a typical Aintree type; while

Sir Alexander Maguire, owner of Workman, is very hopeful.

Despite the European situation, railways and airways report the usual gigantic business.—Reuter.

Major Johnstone Wins Golf Tie

The tie for the Captain's Cup March qualifying round on the Old Course at Farnham was won by Major A. S. Johnstone, R.E.

INDOOR BOWLING

Second Stage Of Ewo League Played

In an interesting ten-pin match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alley last evening in the second stage of the Ewo League, Hongkong Wonders beat the Greyhounds, a team from H.M.S. Thraxian, by 375 points. Scores:

	Hongkong Wonders	Greyhounds
F. P. Hoell	170	150
F. B. Landolt	170	153
F. Gaddi	171	153
M. Tolan	117	143
Total	628	599

	Hongkong Wonders	Greyhounds
E. G. Carter	137	114
H. G. Willie	111	123
F. Annis	107	118
A. J. Toms	93	110
Total	448	465

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) amnesia—risotto—annihilate. semaphore—annote—seneschal.

Cricket

Major Swyer 93 Not Out For R.A.M.C.

The R.A.M.C. beat the 40th. Coy. Royal Engineers by 60 runs in a semi-final cricket match of the Small Units Knock-out competition, played at Soekunpoo on Sunday and Monday.

The R.A.M.C. batted first on Sunday, and, except for S/Sgt. Patterson, few of the early batsmen could make many runs against the bowling of Q.M.S. Goodger and Cpl. Donyer, and at one time had lost 7 wickets for 60 runs.

Major Swyer, who was associated, and took the score to 103 before separation. Major Swyer, 93 not out, played a brilliant innings, subdued at first, but hitting out vigorously after tea. Goodger's 6 wickets for 43 was a very fine performance.

The Royal Engineers batted for half an hour on Sunday before stumps were drawn, and in that time lost one wicket; score at the close was 34 for 1. On Monday, L/Sgt. Shipp, Spr. Pike and Q.M.S. Goodger gave assistance to Spr. Bailey (52), but with L/Sgt. Land and L/Sgt. Lowe unable to bat through injuries, the Engineers lost their eight wickets for 144 runs.

The scores were:

	Medical Corps	Royal Engineers
S/Sgt. Patterson, b Donyer	34	1
Cpl. Webb, c Lowe b Goodger	1	4
S. M. Wright, c sub. b Donyer	1	18
Major Harvey, c Shipp b Donyer	1	18
Sgt. Smith, b Goodger	1	18
Major Swyer, not out	93	0
Q. M. E. Green, b Goodger	0	0
Cpl. Wyre, c Shipp b Goodger	0	0
Cpl. Leverington, b Donyer	0	0
Cpl. Sherhouse, c Bailey b Goodger	0	0
Cpl. Perkins, c and b Goodger	0	0
Extras	19	11
Total	215	44

	Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Goodger	20.5	5	43	6	1
Shipp	2	2	32	1	1
Pike	3	2	30	1	1
Lowe	14.5	4	27	1	1

	Sgt. Harvey	Sgt. Bailey	Sgt. Donyer	Sgt. Shipp	Sgt. Smith	Sgt. Wright	Sgt. Green	Sgt. Wyre	Sgt. Leverington	Sgt. Sherhouse	Sgt. Perkins	Extras
Runs	17	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	19
Wickets	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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COMING to the KING'S

KOWLOON GOLF

W. Bastin Wins Captain's Cup Competition

W. Bastin (12) won the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition recently, beating W. C. Simpson (8), 7 and 5.

The Hong Foursomes final was won by the Harbour Office (R. K. Collings, 5, and T. B. Low, 10), who beat the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels (F. C. Barry, 9, and E. O. Murphy, 14) by 4 and 3.

R.A. GOLF MEETING

The Royal Artillery Golf Meeting will be held at Farnham on Monday, April 3, by kind permission of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Serving and retired Officers of the Royal Artillery are eligible to compete, and enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, R.A. Golf Meeting, Headquarters, China Command.

La Salle Sports Postponed

Owing to the inclement weather, the La Salle College athletic sports meeting, originally arranged for today, has been postponed to next Saturday.

SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual athletic sports of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be held on the Kowloon Football Club's ground on March 30, commencing at 1 p.m. Mrs. W. L. Handyside has consented to distribute the prizes.

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—grapes, oranges, peaches, for
instance—crushed on your

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Do You Wear A Label?

DO you stand on your own feet, socially, I mean? Or do you go about your little world labelled always as Somebody's wife or Somebody's daughter, or even as a cousin of a famous Somebody Else?

Just pause a moment for a little stocktaking on the subject. You may get quite a shock to discover that unconsciously and by your own actions you have put yourself into the second group! And it is not a comfortable nor a happy place to belong!

Every woman, if she really sits down to think about it, wants to be valued by her friends for herself alone. She wants to be welcomed at parties because she is good company and have her invitations accepted with gladness because she is personally a good hostess. But does she always remember that "personal value" when she meets strangers for the first time?

In her effort to establish herself, to prove that she is really an interesting person to know, she is not always content to depend on her personality alone.

Building a Background

In the first half-hour she is mentioning, quite casually, of course, that she is related to this well-known

person and that she was at school with that girl who is now a famous author. She "backs herself up" with as interesting a background as she can muster, and before she quite knows where she is, she is floating into a new social scene with somebody else's label round her neck.

It is also very easy, and so very human. A dull little woman gets herself invited out regularly because her brother has just joined the ranks of industrial peers, and the aunt of a famous actress suddenly finds that people who are content with a feeling of second-hand glamour want her company for afternoon tea. You may think that is exaggerated, but it is not in the least. I know from personal experience.

Many people seem to demand labels for their friends, and they add them even when they are absolutely superfluous. A perfectly charming girl who is building up a good career as an artist is introduced: "You must meet Miss So-and-So. She's the granddaughter of a very famous surgeon, you know, and her uncle is Sir Such-and-Such."

Or you have the rather negative woman with nothing to say: "I dare say she isn't very interesting herself, but her daughter is Lady What-not and she has met Lord So-and-So several times."

Not a Snobbish Trait

There is a snobbish trait about that but actually it is not such a snobbish trait. It is only that certain types of women like labels—any sort of labels—and if their friends and acquaintances don't wear sufficiently bright ones of their own they will add another. It is not enough for them to say of a woman: "She's such a bright, amusing person," so they add, "she's related to Lord What's His Name," who is probably a dull, uninteresting person.

Of course, if you have a famous or even infamous relative it is pretty difficult to shake off the label. And it is not easy to go about the world denying that your brother has made great headway in his profession or that your sister-in-law has her name in lights!

But you can at least refrain from tying the label round your neck yourself. Don't use it for introductions, and don't respond at all to people who are obviously not interested in you until they read the label.

If you are lucky enough to have no handy label in your family, don't invent one. Don't try to create fame for your sons or glamour for your daughters. Don't bolster up your husbands' or your father's success, and fill your conversation with details of the grandeur you knew at home "in the good old days."

If you can't stand on your own feet socially, don't try to stand at all. If you don't make friends and keep them because you are a nice person yourself, then the "friends" simply are not worth having.

Anne Blythe

ONIONS IN BATTER

THIS interesting way of cooking onions is well worth trying:—Peel three small onions and cook them in boiling water with a teaspoonful salt for one hour. Strain and place them in a fire-

proof glass oven dish with one oz dripping. Bake ten minutes, then pour a batter over the onions, made from four ozs flour, one egg, half a pint milk, and a pinch of salt. Bake in a moderate oven for about forty minutes. This makes a delicious dish.

Cookery Expert

When stewing prunes, after washing and cooking them all right, add a breakfastful of cold tea to the water in which they are cooked. This greatly improves both syrup and flavour.

Isobel

Fruit juice, applied fresh to your face, will tone up your skin, freshen its colour, make it smoother and softer. First take off all traces of make-up; a good home-made lotion for doing this is made by beating up three whites of eggs in half a pint of alcohol at 70 degrees. (You can get this from any chemist.) Then add the juice of half a lemon.

When you have cleaned your face with this, apply the fruit juice by crushing a few grapes, a peach or half an orange on your face. Leave it on all night, in the morning wash it off with tepid water.

By the way, always make certain that your hands are absolutely clean before you start any face treatment; give them a good massage with cream, too.

That Business Skirt

MANY skirts are spoiled in the pressing, but this is seldom due to lack of care, rather to a lack of knowledge of how to set about the job so as to obtain the best results.

To obviate the possibility of spoiling your skirt in the pressing, spread the garment on a well-padded ironing-board as many girls are in the habit of doing.

What you require is a hard board with only one layer of cloth. In this way, one can prevent the marks of the seams showing on the right side of the cloth, or at least it makes the imprint almost inconspicuous so that it passes unnoticed.

Another trick that goes a long way to making one's own attempt at skirt pressing satisfactory, is a light ironing-board as many girls are in the habit of doing.

Good pressing is not in a hard pressure, but in a uniform pressure. As a rule you will find that for better results are obtained by going over cloth three or four times lightly than by going over it once with an extra heavy hand.

Here is another point worth following:—The great fault in skirt pressing at the hands of the amateur is brought about by pressing until the cloth gets quite dry. No defying this simple rule can hope to press a skirt so that it always looks its best.

French business girls argue, and rightly, that a skirt should steam



In the jersey dress at the left, yellow appears in a characteristic shade and is combined with dark green in the round's tooth-plaid wadded box coat. Black is the yellow in the suit of redler silk linen at the right with skirt and scarf in maize and white plaid.

Two Novel Cakes

HERE are recipes for two delicious cakes which will add interest to the tea table:—

Fudge Cake

Take ½ lb flour, 1 oz ground rice, 3 ozs butter or margarine, ¼ teaspoon each mixed spice and ground ginger, 2 ozs Demerara sugar, 2 ozs golden syrup, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, 1 large tablespoon milk, 2 eggs, fudge filling, and few walnuts for decoration.

For the fudge filling use 6 ozs Demerara sugar, 1 oz butter, 2 table-spoons milk.

Beat the butter and sugar to a soft cream, then add the spices and golden syrup. Beat until evenly mixed. Whisk up eggs.

Now add a little ground rice and flour alternately with the eggs, until all the eggs and milk are used.

Finally, sprinkle in the baking powder. Turn into a well-greased sandwich tin and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5 or electrically 100 degs Fahrenheit) for about 20 minutes.

Turn on to sieve to cool. When cold, ice the top with enamel fudge filling and decorate with half walnuts.

For the filling:—Put all the ingredients in a saucepan and stir over gentle heat till the sugar has dissolved. Then boil 10 minutes. Take off fire and beat with a wooden spoon till thick and creamy. Pour over cake at once.

Cherry Slices

If kept in a tin box, these slices remain quite fresh for a fortnight. For the pastry:—Take 4 ozs flour, 2 ozs butter, 2 teaspoons castor sugar, ¼ oz ground almonds, 1 yolk of egg.

Make same as ordinary short-crust pastry and roll out thinly. Line a large greased Yorkshire tin. For the filling:—6 ozs glace cherries and 2 ozs walnuts, roughly chopped. Cut the cherries in quarters with a pair of scissors and place on pastry. Sprinkle walnuts on top.

Cake mixture for top:—1 oz butter, 2 oz brown sugar, 3 ozs ground almonds, 1 egg, and 1 beaten yolk.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the beaten egg, and fold in the ground almonds.

Pour cake mixture over top of cherries, and bake in a moderate oven about 30 minutes. Cool, then cut into strips.

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SHORT CUTS

For dusting papered walls use a broom or floor brush with a clean dry cloth wrapped around it.

Cheese omelet may be used by throwing a liberal sprinkling of grated American cheese over the egg as the omelet begins to set. Let the egg brown and serve folded over with the cheese inside.

It is more economical from a standpoint of fuel consumption to use aluminium, glass or tin pans for ordinary baking than sheet iron or porcelain pans.

When taken from the ironing-board, if the pressure has been sufficiently vigorous to cause shiny spots to show up, then be sure to wet the cloth again and go over it with a very hot iron, thus creating plenty of steam.

In dealing with the folds and double thicknesses where hard pressure at first may seem to be required in order to properly crease the garment, a second pressing to remove the resultant spots is frequently necessary.

In the case of a frock, do not use a really hot iron for pressing, except when you use a damp cloth. In fact, all delicate materials, especially in pastel shades—are apt to fade if much heat is applied, and the silks will go "papery."

Ivie F. Holden

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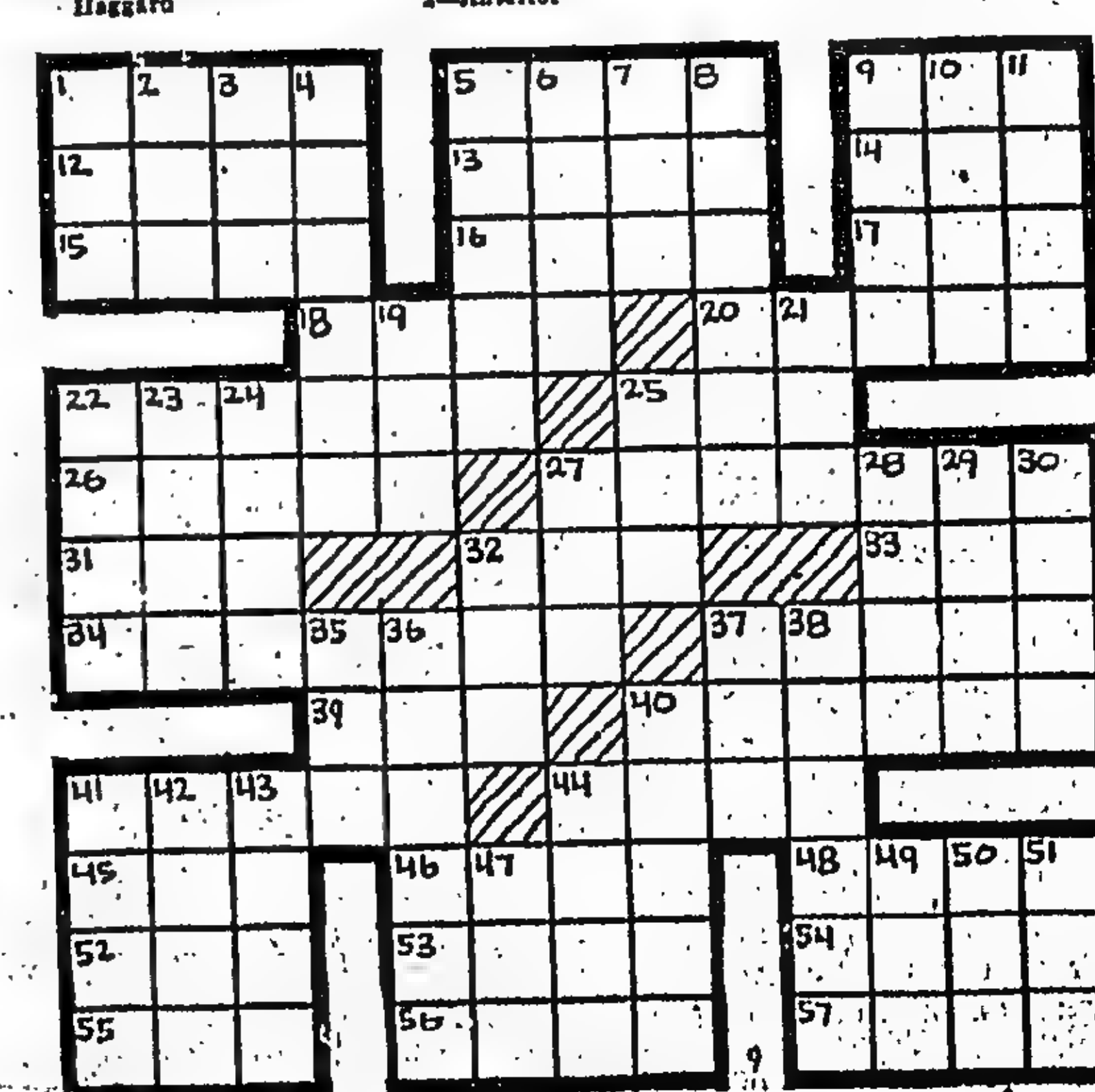
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Round ornament
- 2—Greek letter
- 3—River in Italy
- 4—Precious stone
- 5—Attention
- 6—Noise, writhing
- 7—Devoured
- 8—Fell behind
- 9—Animal snickers
- 10—Journalled with fear
- 11—Stand (Latin)
- 12—Exposed to air
- 13—Conquered
- 14—Girl's name
- 15—Continued
- 16—Turner's
- 17—Protection
- 18—Unshakable
- 19—Invisible fluid
- 20—Chief of the desert
- 21—Queen Elizabeth's family
- 22—Painful
- 23—Salt Lake Indian
- 24—House (slang)
- 25—Arrange for value
- 26—Girl (slang)
- 27—Leave out
- 28—Novel by H. Rider Haggard

DOWN

- 1—Collection of one subject
- 2—Second childhood
- 3—Unsubstantiated
- 4—Literary work
- 5—City opposite Liverpool
- 6—Piel from stamps
- 7—Dialysis
- 8—Wraith
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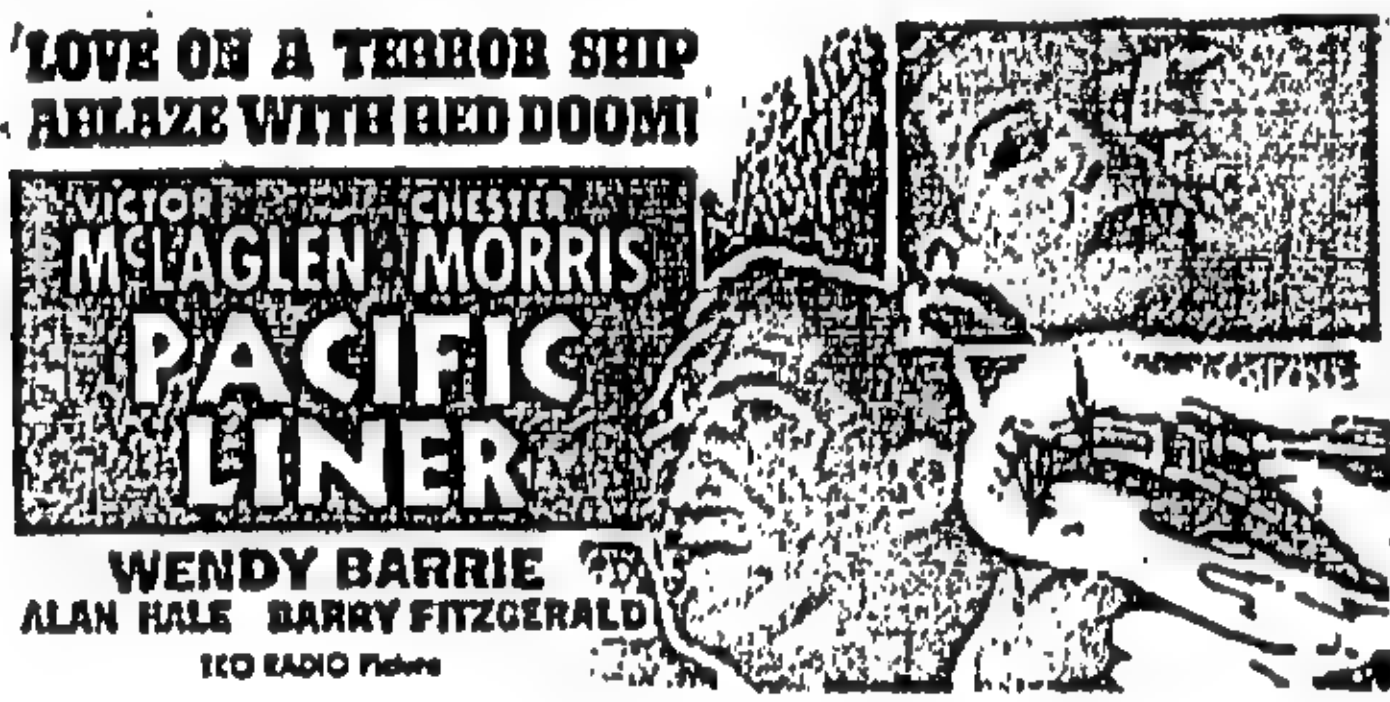


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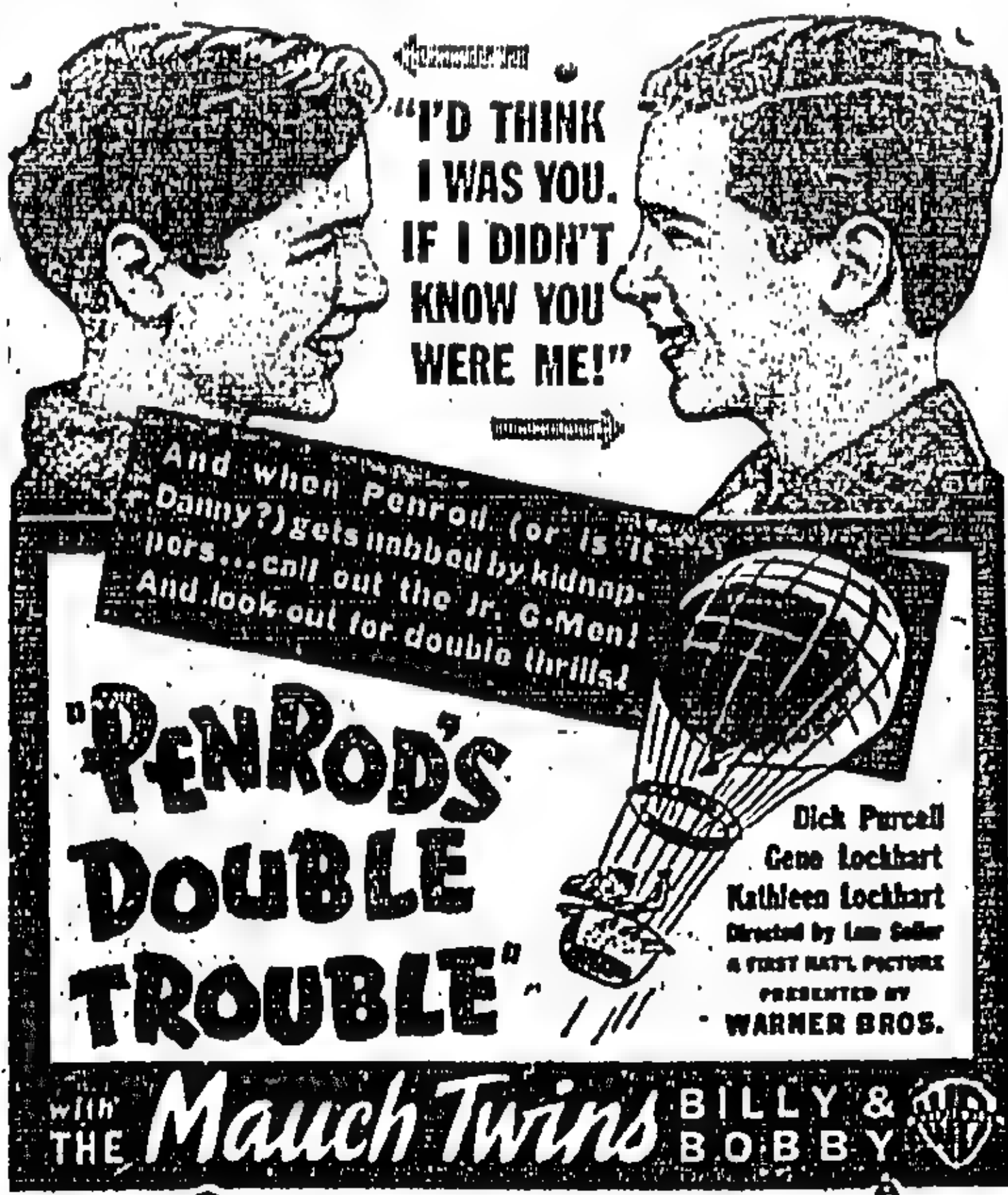


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U.S. Neutrality Legislation Borah May Lead "Filibuster"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21. ENQUIRIES IN the lobbies show that Representatives will be guided by the action of the Senate regarding Senator Key Pittman's Neutrality resolution. If the Senate approves, the Representatives are expected to follow suit shortly. Supporters of the Administration believe that they command sufficient votes to pass the measure, although opposition is expected from Senator Nye, Senator Borah, and others, which may even lead to a "filibuster," but in the present state of public opinion, a "filibuster" would be a weapon of doubtful utility. The American Congress is a method of holding up the passage of a measure by talking sufficiently to prevent a vote being taken within the specified time. The technique is for members who are in opposition to the Bill to secure the floor and hold it on subjects completely removed from the actual measure.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 21.

	Opening	Closing
May	8.24/24	8.21/21
July	8.03/03	7.98/98
October	7.74/74	7.67/67
December	7.69/69	7.61/61
January	7.67/67	7.60/60
March	7.72A	7.63N
Spot		8.66N

New York Rubber

March	15.00N
May	15.02/02
September	15.05/05
December	15.04N

To-day's Sales:—2,150 tons.
The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.

Chicago Wheat

May	67 1/4/67 1/4	67 1/4/67 1/4
July	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2
September	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2

Monday's Sales:—5,593,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	47 1/4/47 1/4	47 1/4/47 1/4
July	48 1/4/48 1/4	48 1/4/48 1/4
September	50 1/4/50 1/4	50 1/4/50 1/4

Winnipeg Wheat

May	61 1/2/61 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
July	60 1/4/60 1/4	61 1/4/61 1/4
October		62 1/2/62 1/2

LATE NEWS

Singapore Japanese Allegations Answered

London, Mar. 21. The Government has replied to the Japanese protest of January 25 regarding the treatment of Japanese nationals in Singapore. The answer maintained that it is understood all the raids on Japanese establishments complained of were carried out in compliance with the law. Police action, it further pointed out, showed an intention existed among Japanese nationals to undertake action prejudicial to the Colony and calculated to bring about a breach of the peace.

Japanese nationals in Singapore, the note emphasises, are not subject to restrictions beyond those in force against all other nationals. The note invited comparison between the defence measures taken in connection with the Singapore base and the measures taken by the Japanese in their own fortified zone. It is estimated that the position of Singapore compares favourably with that of Japan. A number of examples of Japanese police surveillance and spy mania are quoted. The British Government, it was added, hope that Japanese nationals will take account of their obligation as residents in British territory and thus obviate the need for any further measures on the part of the authorities.—Reuter.

AIR RAID WARDENS CHINESE LECTURES

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that a course of Air Raid Warden lectures will be given by Mr. Chuk Tai Kwong in the Chinese language at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Caine Road, commencing at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 1939. It is important that those members of the public who intend to volunteer for Air Raid Warden duties should make a point of attending the first and all subsequent lectures.

English Lectures
The A.R.P. Officers also announces that a new series of lectures—A.R.P. Modified Full Course—will be held as follows:
At Volunteer Headquarters, Hongkong, on Fridays, commencing on March 24, at 11 a.m.
At the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, every Monday, commencing on April 17, at 11 a.m.
Both lectures will be in English, and are open to the public.

Social Items

The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship have arranged to visit the Home for the Blind at Pokfulam, on Thursday afternoon. Members will meet at the Ferry at 2.45 p.m. Accommodation in the bus will be available for any friends the members may desire to bring.

The prizewinners at last Thursday's meeting of the St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship were: Mah-jong, Mrs. Peckham; Whist, Mrs. Bertram; Bridge, Mrs. Humphrey; Cake Competition, Mesdames Cocking, Organ and Eustace.

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Yau Kam-chuen, teacher, and Miss Fung Woon-yu, of 291 Hennessy Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Cheung Hop-chiu and Mok Tun-mul.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Chin Bork-suey, physical instructor, and Miss Ho Lai-hing, of 38 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo; Mr. Chi Yue-ning, dresser, residing at 11 Rua Domingos, Macao, and Miss Tso Pui-yu, of 138 Ki Lung Street, Shamshuipo.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

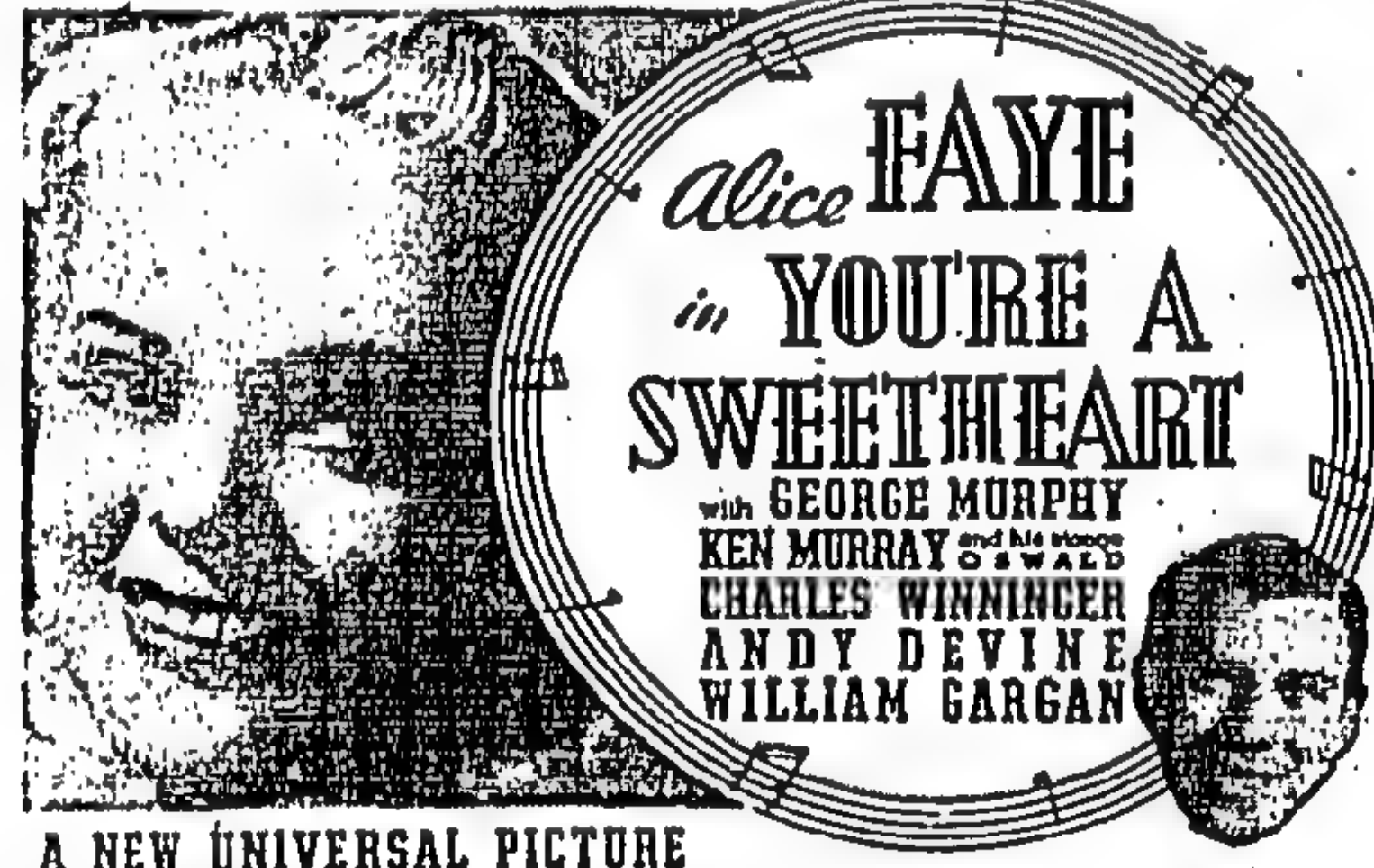
Very quiet conditions prevailed all day, possibly due to the all round drop reported from the London market on Monday. It is quite evident operators are awaiting further developments of the European situation before acting one way or the other. Amongst the small amount of business reported during the day, H.K. Bank again changed hands at \$1,330, and there are further enquiries at this price.

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Hongkong Bank \$1,330
Dunlop's \$4
H.K. Real Estate \$4 1/2
Canton Ice \$1
Wing On (H.K.) \$44
Y.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan 4 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan par.

Sellers
Hongkong Bank \$1,330
H.K. Docks \$17.00
Providents (old) \$5.40
H.K. & S. Harwin \$6
H.K. & S. Harwin \$10
Sundank Lights \$11.10/10 1/2
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Astra 20 1/2
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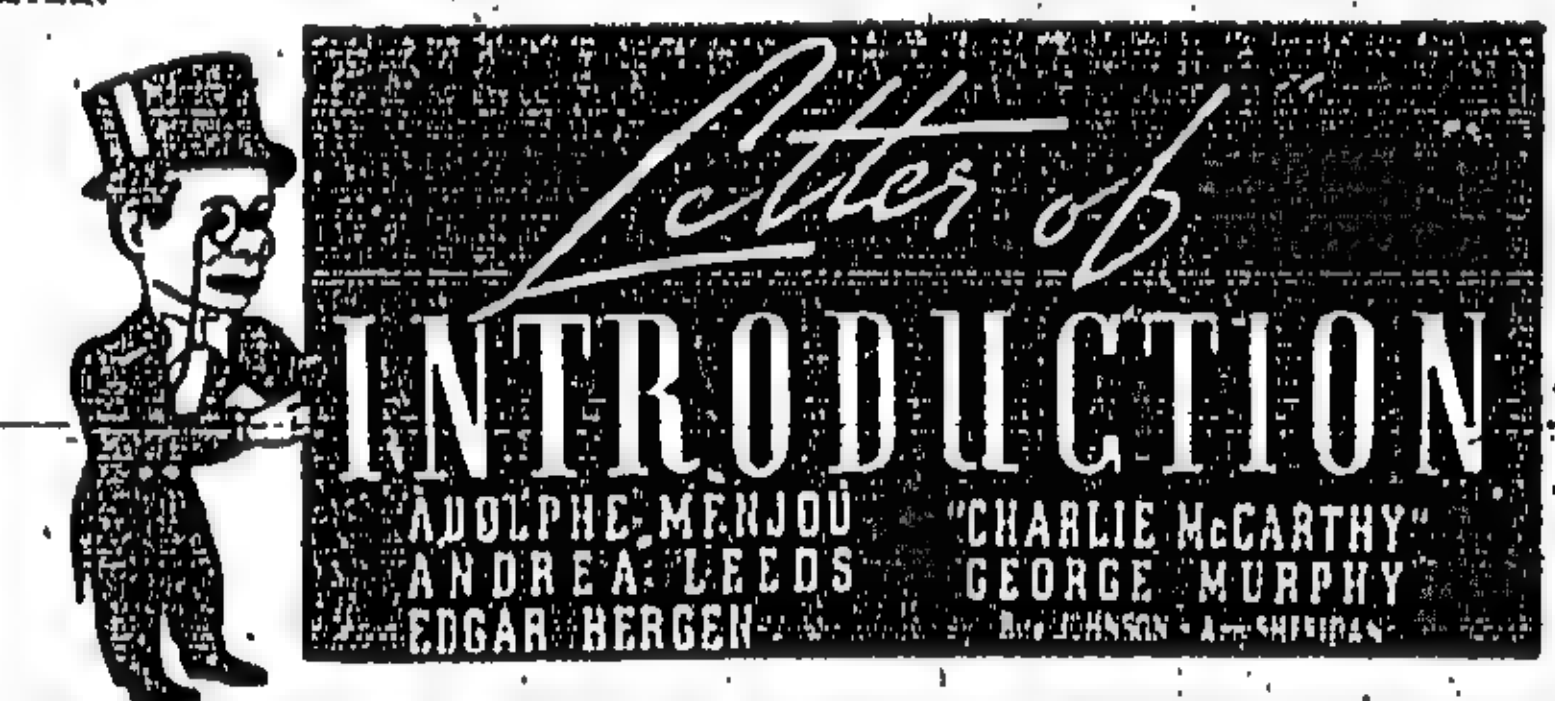
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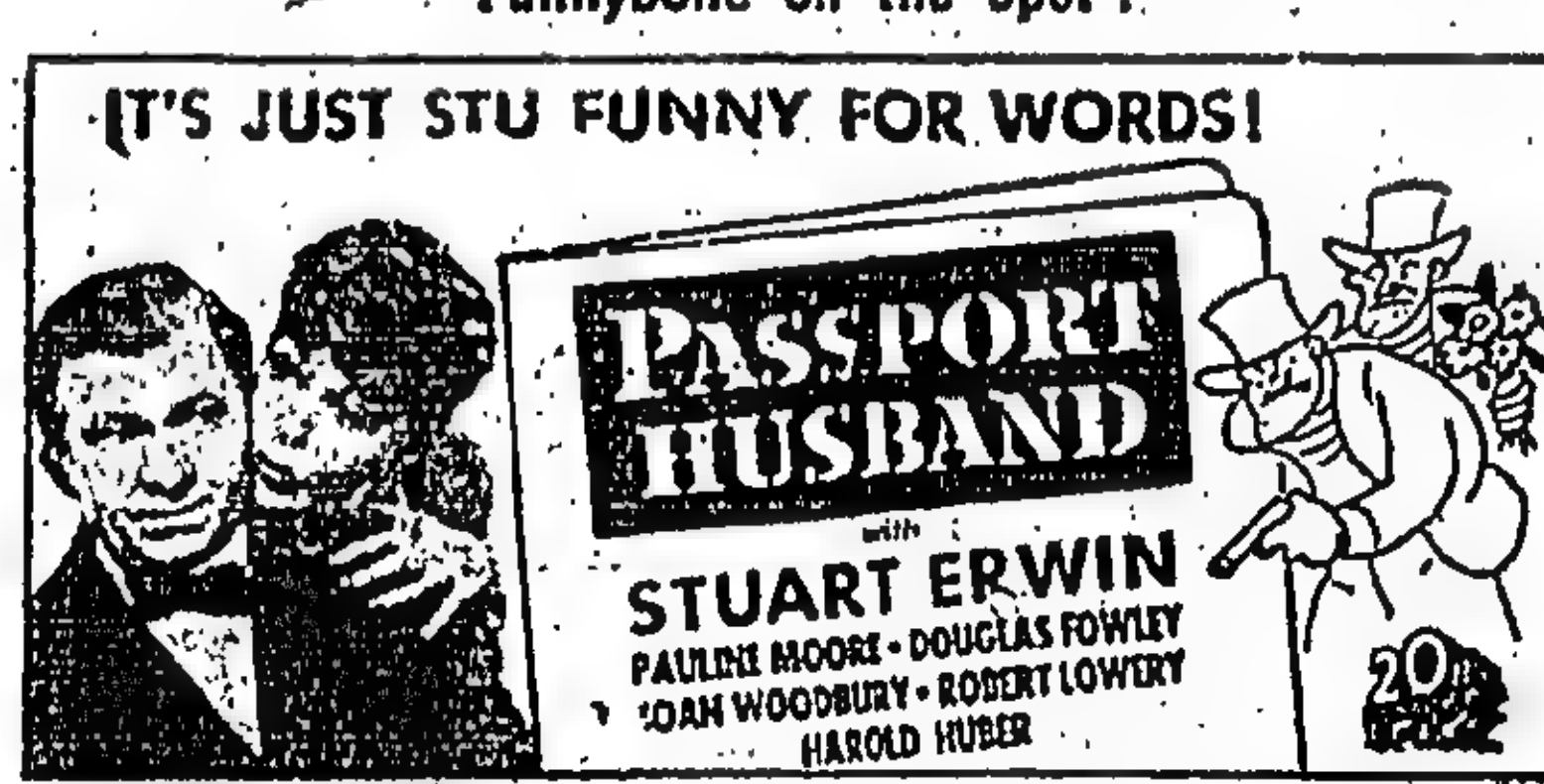


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REGINA PLANS AIR CIRCUS
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ANTIQUES FILL TWO HOMES
CINCINNATI, O.
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COMPANY MEETINGS: FIRMS SHOW INCREASED PROFITS

Dairy Farm Coy. Has Year Of Great Expansion, Report Reveals

THE annual meeting of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., held at the King's Theatre this morning, was told that profit last year had almost doubled over the previous year. The Report showed that

**Profit
Totalled
\$135,604**

for the year under review.

The annual Report was made by Sir Shouson Chow, the Chairman.

Those present at the meeting included Sir Shouson Chow (Chairman), Messrs. K. Y. Chang, Li Lin-chi, Li Jowson, Chang Kwai-on, C. C. Chang, Liang Chi-hao, George Sun, Chang Kwai-in and Dr. S. W. Tso (Directors); Messrs. P. L. Lowe, Sun Wing-kwong, Li Kwok-ying, K. P. Chang, Li Shiu-chung, and Hong So-yin (Shareholders).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman read his report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said: "The Report of the Directors together with the Balance Sheet and the Auditors' Report for the year ending December 31, 1938, having been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your approval, to take them as read."

"The net profit for the year, after providing for depreciation, and including \$7,338.30 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$135,604.78 which is nearly double that of the previous year. This increase is doubtless due to the influx of a large number of people into Hongkong owing to the hostilities still prevailing in many parts of China."

"During the year under review, we gave several successful performances for the benefit of the Chinese refugees and other charitable organizations, and I am glad to say that thanks to the generous support of the public, we were able to raise a fair amount to add to charitable funds."

FIRST CLASS FILMS

"The Management have been very careful in the selection of pictures during the current year. Pictures are chosen for their suitability to the taste of both our Chinese and European patrons, and I am sure that our line-up of first class films this year will meet with general approval."

"Turning to the Investment side, I am pleased to report that all our shops and offices are occupied, and are yielding us a regular monthly income."

"Out of the profit available for distribution, your Directors recommend placing a further sum of \$50,000 to General Reserve and payment of a Dividend of 60 cents per share absorbing \$59,014.80, leaving a balance of \$25,089.98 to be carried forward to the next account."

"I think this is a very good year's working in general, and I now propose that the account as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I will answer, to the best of my ability, any questions you may wish to ask."

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

There being no questions, the meeting proceeded with the re-election of Messrs. Chang Kwai-on and Li Lin-chi as Directors. This motion was proposed by Mr. Li Kwok-ying, seconded by Mr. P. L. Lowe and carried unanimously.

The re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors was proposed by Mr. K. F. Chang, seconded by Mr. Hong So-yin and carried unanimously.

Italians For New Franco Offensive

Rome, Mar. 21.
Signor Gayda in the "Giornale d'Italia" declares that Italian legions will take part shortly in a new Spanish offensive. It is added that imminent resumption of the Spanish Nationalist offensive is expected, in which Italians will play an important role. It is likely that action will start before the end of the month.—*Reuter Special.*

BUT WAR MAY END SOON

Paris, Mar. 21.
A local French dispatch from San Sebastian reports that Burgos and Madrid have actively begun hinting at a possible early end of the war and the Loyalists' surrender. Burgos reports reluctance the refusal of anything but the Loyalists' unconditional surrender and warns that the Nationalists are ready to move on Madrid soon.—*United Press.*

A YEAR OF GREAT expansion and increased profits was reported on by the Chairman at the 43rd Ordinary Yearly meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., held at Lower Albert Road at noon to-day.

The profit on working account was \$819,274 while a record number of cattle was being further augmented because of the increasing call on the Company's commodities.

A special meeting followed. It adopted a resolution to issue 41,905 fully paid up shares to be offered, one for every six held, to shareholders. Part of this sum will be used to reduce the overdraft.

There were at the meeting: Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce (Chairman), Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson, D. F. Landale (Directors), J. D. Thomson (Manager), G. Milne (Secretary), R. A. Wadson, (Legal Advisor), J. Owen Hughes, Yong Yeong-shi, A. D. Wyllie, P. L. Morphey, A. L. Wyllie, J. Gardner, S. H. Ross, C. T. Chan, and D. McFerran (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: After deprecating fixed assets, \$210,432.00, and providing for Directors and Auditors Fees, there remains a balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$502,923.83. \$74,095.03 brought forward from last account and after deducting \$125,715.00, the Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share paid on 20th September last, leaves \$451,304.78 for distribution.

Your Directors recommend this balance should be allocated as follows:

To payment of a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share	\$251,430.00
To payment of a Bonus of 25 cents per share	82,857.50
To transfer to General Reserve	15,000.00
To transfer to Cattle Reserve	50,000.00
To Carry Forward to new account	72,017.28
	\$451,304.78

The Directors trust the above appropriations will meet with your approval.

\$1,200,000 RESERVES

The addition of \$15,000 to General Reserve, together with the transfer of \$310,000, profit on sale of the Lalchikok property, to which I shall later make reference, will bring this Reserve to \$700,000 and bring the Cattle Reserve to \$500,000. The year under review has been an eventful one for your Company, and I am pleased to report has been one of general expansion.

Imports of 78 head of cattle from Canada, 37 from Australia and 20 from Great Britain and the addition of home-bred animals have increased the herd from 1,170 to 1,401, and as you will observe from the Balance Sheet, stands in our Books at the figure of \$599,335.05.

Against this, as I have just stated, we shall have after allocating a further \$50,000, a Cattle Reserve of \$450,000 but in addition the \$45,586.83 at credit of Cattle Wastage Account will bring our total Cattle Reserves to \$543,586.85 as against a Book Value of \$599,335.05.

SATISFACTORY POSITION

We believe this position to be in a very satisfactory position to be in. To house this herd it was necessary to erect one new shed and several others had to be extended.

This herd, which incidentally is a record one for the Company, has provided 5,100,110 lbs. of milk, an increase of 14.26 percent over the previous year and is, of course, also a record for the Company.

Despite this increase, the heavy demand in the months from April to June could not be met, and our customers had to be restricted in their supplies of milk, and cream was not always made available.

In anticipation of still bigger demand this summer, contracts have been placed for additional cattle, which I hope will obviate a similar experience this year.

COMPARABLE TO BEST

The herd, I am pleased to report, enjoyed exceptionally good health throughout the year. Some of our shareholders and customers may not be aware of the fact the Company carries its own Veterinary Surgeon and the management of the Farm is in the hands of experts from home.

Most favourable comments were recently made on the herd by a visiting authority. This gentleman stated it was comparable to the best managed herds he had seen anywhere.

Before leaving the herd, I should explain the amount at credit of Cattle Wastage Account is the surplus, after allowance is made for losses by deaths or sale, on a scale decided upon some few years ago, which was in excess of actual requirements to the extent of \$26,243.85.

This year the amount by which Cattle Wastage Account has been increased during the year.

Although on the right side for the past three years, it is not considered advisable to adjust the scale applied for Wastage in the herd. The sum of \$97,517.46 may seem a heavy charge, but it must not be overlooked this only represents 10.27% of the value of the herd.

An event of importance to record was the transfer of the Dairy from Fokdulum to the new one at East Point. This new Dairy is equipped with every modern device for the pasteurization and bottling of milk under hygienic conditions, and with the most up-to-date machinery for the cleansing and sterilizing of bottles.

I need hardly add the dairyming is under constant European supervision, and the Staff under strict and regular examination by our medical advisers.

PASTEURISATION PLANT

Customers and shareholders will no doubt have appreciated the fact we have anticipated the Government's compulsory regulations regarding pasteurisation, which come into force on April 1 next, and they may rest assured that every possible precaution is taken and no expense is spared to ensure the supply of milk of the highest grade, and comparable to tuberculin tested pasteurized grade in Great Britain.

The total cost of this new installation, including the new Buildings, amounted to \$291,197.97 and accounts for a large proportion under Capital Account expended during the year.

The management will be only too pleased to arrange for interested shareholders and customers to view this new Dairy.

Further expansion to the Cold Storage premises at East Point in the shape of four large rooms of just over 100,000 cubic feet capacity have been completed at a cost of \$149,769.91.

In addition to this increase in storage space, an extension of the Central Cold Storage in Connaught Road is under construction, and when completed will be a valuable addition to the cold storage facilities offered by your company in the Central Districts.

When this extension is completed, we shall have at East Point, 753,009 cubic feet, Central Cold Stores, 20,938; Kowloon, 32,760; or a total of 815,767 cubic feet.

The cold storage business has increased rapidly during the last few years, but your Board have considered it advisable to anticipate future demands and are satisfied, the ex-

**FOOD,
FILMS
MAKE
MORE**

Two Companies held annual meetings this morning, and reported increased profits. The China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., owners of the King's Theatre, made \$135,604. The Dairy Farm Co. made \$819,000.

NEW FREEZING PLANT

To bring our cold storage facilities up-to-date, we have contracted for a quick freezing plant, which it is hoped will be in operation before the end of this year. This modern method of dealing with fish will, we believe, prove a boon to this important industry and become a profitable adjunct to the Company's business.

Despite restricted fishing operations on account of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, ice sales were well maintained and, in fact, show a small increase as compared to the sales made in 1937.

To cope with the steadily increasing demand, over \$140,000 was expended on our ice cream plant during the year. This plant, now installed in the new dairy premises, is the latest word in up-to-date efficiency. A new line is to be marketed this summer which should prove a popular item in this important branch of your business. The policy of placing on the market only the very highest grade of ice cream products will be maintained, and we look forward to increased business in this department.

I mentioned last year, that we had embarked on the production of reconstituted milk. This has not proved a success, as sales have dwindled to very moderate proportions, and there seems to be little doubt that when good fresh milk is available, the demand for the reconstituted substitute is very limited.

Green Spot has proved its initial popularity and sales were appreciably up as compared to those made in 1937.

RECORD TURNOVER

The Butchery, Imported Dairy Produce and Shipping Departments have produced a record turnover, but competition has been particularly severe, and it is due to the larger turnover, that a satisfactory trading profit has been achieved. This larger turnover is no doubt due to the abnormal conditions prevailing, which is also the reason that necessitates our carrying a much larger stock, which you will observe at the 31st (Continued on Page 4.)



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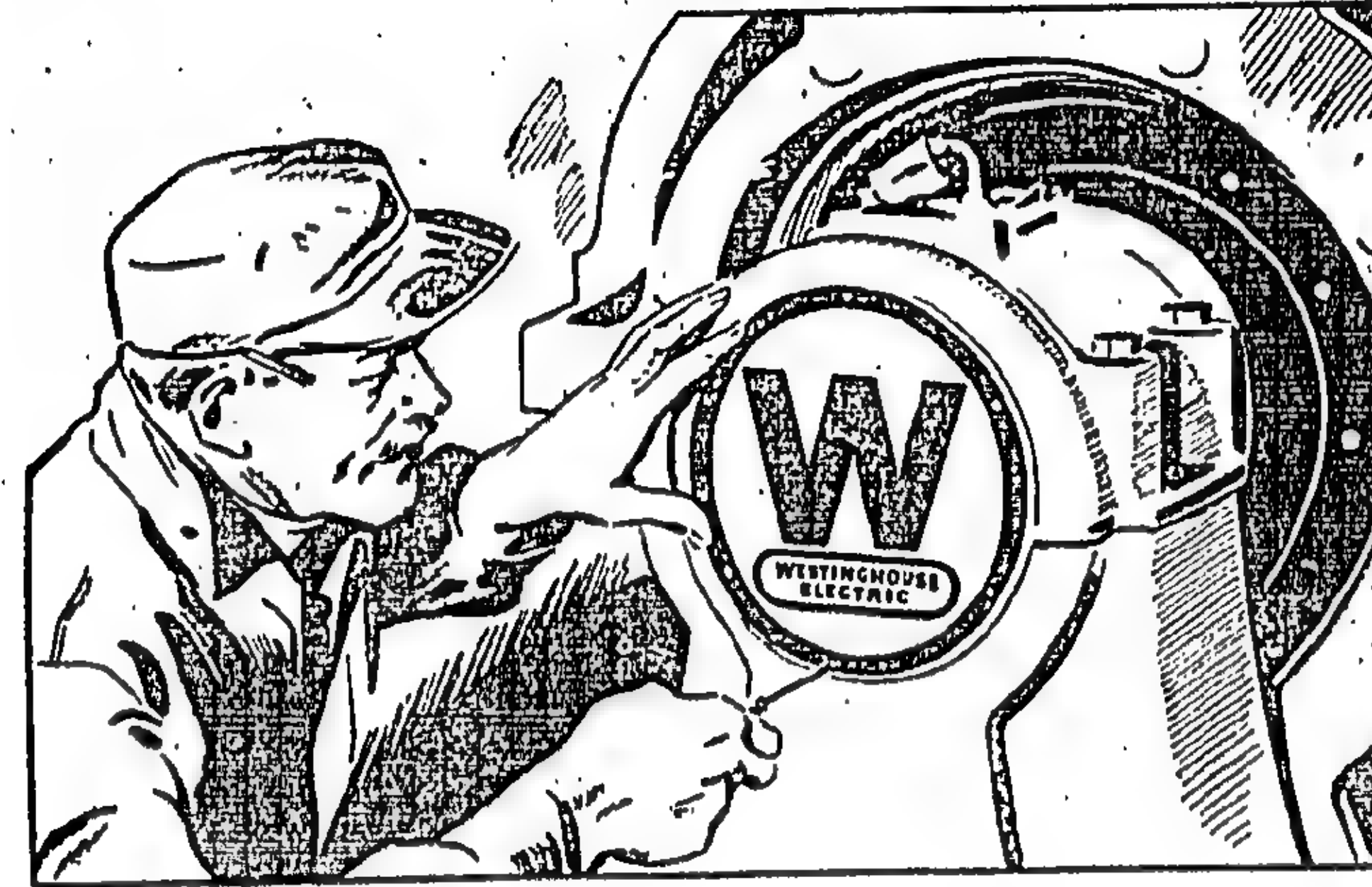
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A Page Of Hongkong News Items

"The Most Hopeless Individual I Have Met For A Long Time" Puisse Judge Comments, And Strikes Out Writ

THE ACTION brought by Jones Wong and Co., of Nathan Road, against Mrs. Paul Braga, of Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon, claiming \$106.73 for materials supplied and work done, was struck out by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Summary Court this morning after evidence had been given by Yeung Shu-to, assistant manager of plaintiff firm, whom His Lordship characterised as the most hopeless individual he had met for a long time.

The claim was in respect of poplin and a table supplied to defendant. At the previous hearing, defendant stated that she had returned the goods with the exception of seven yards of poplin-net which she had also ordered and for which she had offered payment. Plaintiffs had guaranteed that the colour of the cloth was fast when it was not fast in fact, and therefore she returned the material.

Without her instructions, plaintiffs made up loose-covers with the returned material and delivered them to her, charging her \$8 for the work. Mrs. Braga added that she returned the table because it was not made according to her instructions. Plaintiffs had agreed to make a new table for her, for which she promised to pay.

Yeung Shu-to stated this morning that defendant bought two lengths of poplin and seven yards of poplin-net from his shop on January 13, after ascertaining from him that the material was washable. She said she wanted the poplin for chair covers, and about ten days later she asked that a man be sent to her house to take measurements of the chairs.

For instructions were carried out and when witness had got back the poplin he found it had been washed, the colour being not so brilliant. On January 27, the covers were delivered and about four days later defendant came to the shop and complained that the colour of the poplin was not fast. She added she would send back the covers and this she did the following day.

WITNESS CONFUSED

At the time she brought the material, defendant also ordered a table to be made. Witness then became confused as to the date when this was delivered, and was rebuked by His Lordship who told him it was his business to remember the material dates when he brought a claim to Court.

Eventually, witness said that the chair was delivered on February 23, and when asked by His Lordship why there was such a long delay he explained that defendant had told him it was not urgent.

Continuing, witness said that bills were later sent to defendant but she refused to pay, and the writ was issued on March 10. He again became confused as to whether or not defendant had been to the shop and

GIRL DUPE OF DOPE GANG

Found In Colony's Biggest Heroin Pill Factory THREE YEARS SENTENCE



LT. COL. SIR JOHN E. LAURIE who is shortly to take over command of the North China Brigade in Tientsin.

STATED TO have been the dupe of a gang of heroin pill makers, Tang Mei-foon, an 18-year-old girl, was sent to gaol for three years by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning. Tang was found guilty of having been in charge of the biggest heroin pill factory unearthed in Hongkong for some years.

The charge against her was unlawful possession of 16 ounces of morphine, 286,300 heroin pills and 1,800 ounces of a pink mass containing heroin at Ngau Tam Mei village, New Territories, on February 26.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the Crown, and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro (Instructed by Leo d'Almada & Co.), appeared for accused, who pleaded not guilty. The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. C. E. White (Foreman), Choy Ping-san, J. C. V. Ribeiro, Tong Sik-ming, Tam Shing-foon, Law Kwong-chuan, and J. M. Abraham.

RAID DESCRIBED

Describing the raid which he carried out on the house with the Government monopoly analyst, H. A. Taylor, Revenue Officer Stephens said Tang and an old woman were the only occupants of the house. In a locked room was found a large quantity of heroin pill making paraphernalia and when asked for the key, the girl said she did not have one. In her room, however, were found two bunches of keys which fitted every room in the house, including the locked room.

Stephens told Mr. d'Almada that he was disappointed at finding only the girl in the house and attributed the non-appearance of others to the fact that half an hour before, police had raided another house in the village in connection with an armed robbery, and were still then continuing their investigations. The girl's hands, he said, bore no pink stains usually found on the hands of heroin pill makers.

Giving details of the pill-making equipment found in the room, Taylor said that in addition to the 286,300 pills found there was enough heroin and pink mass for the room for almost half a million pills. The amount of drugs and other ingredients for making pills found in the room was over 500 lb.

Giving evidence from the box, the girl said she had come from the Sun Wai district to the New Territories a year ago and had been living with her parents and sister and brother. Her father had leased the house and subject most of the rooms to about 10 men whom she did not know. She had never been in the rooms where the pills were found and did not know what it contained. She was also not aware that the keys in her possession opened the door to that room.

Cross-examined by Mr. Prentis, the girl said she had never noticed the smell of heroin about the house and

U.S. Admiral To Pay Visit Here

A number of American warships, including the flagship U.S.S. Augusta with Vice-Admiral H. Yarnell on board, will be visiting Hongkong shortly.

The programme as at present known gives the following dates on which warships will be in Hongkong: Mindanao, (here) goes into dock tomorrow and returns to Canton afterwards; Barker, March 26 to April 23; Whipple, April 3 to 6; Bulmer, April 26, (after extended visits to Amoy and Swatow); Asheville, April 7 to 17; Tulsa, April 7 to 13, and then docks; Augusta, April 9 to 11; Canopus and Pigeon and submarines S. 36, and S. 38, May 12 to 16; Gold Star and Chumont, sometime in May.

To Decide If Magazine Is Offensive

A summons action against the China Printing Company, of King's Road, for printing a magazine called "Wartime Japan" without the publication first being passed by the Chinese Affairs Department was adjourned for one week by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy to-day.

Sub-Inspector R. P. Ellis explained that the Department needed time to decide whether the publication was offensive. There is an alternative charge of printing a magazine without publishing the name of the publisher and printer.

NEW PARLOPHONE RECORDS

- F1330—Ferdinand The Bull. ("Ferdinand The Bull.") F.T. Umbrella Man. ("These Foolish Things") F.T.
- F1329—Goodnight Little Skipper. ("Singing A Song For The Old Folk.") F.T.
- F1340—Joseph Joseph. F.T. Day After Day. F.T. HARRY ROY & HIS ORCH.
- F1334—One Day When We Were Young. Viennese Waltz. ("Great Waltz.") Daydreaming. ("Gay Imposters") Quick Step.
- F1333—Cinderella Stay In My Arms. Waltz. All Ashore. S.F.T. VICTOR SILVESTER & HIS BALLROOM ORCH.
- F1332—Umbrella Man. ("These Foolish Things") F.T. Two Sleepy People. ("Thanks For The Memory") S.F.T.
- F1331—Ferdinand The Bull. ("Ferdinand The Bull") F.T. Penny Serenade. Rumba. NAT GONELLA & HIS GEORGIAN.
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Denunciation Of Navy Pact Can't Be Done, Says Britain

LONDON, Mar. 21. REPORTS HAVE appeared in some quarters that the German Government is considering denunciation of the Anglo-German Naval Treaty of 1935.

It is pointed out here that the treaty contains no provision for denunciation. The position is that it can only be legally terminated by mutual consent of the two parties. It is stated that no approach in this sense has been made by the German Government.—British Wireless.

"United Press" states that Britain has warned Germany that a denunciation of the Treaty will not be recognised.

Trans-Jordan Future Is Discussed

London, March 21. Towfik Pasha, representative of Trans-Jordan at the Palestine deliberations, will remain in London despite the collapse of the conference, in order to discuss with Mr. Malcolm MacDonald a series of questions affecting Trans-Jordan.

Towfik Pasha has already had several talks with Mr. MacDonald, and has submitted to the Minister a number of proposals for the revision of the Trans-Jordan constitution, and the agreement signed in 1928 between Britain and the Emir of Trans-Jordan.

Mr. MacDonald has examined these proposals which will form the subject of further conversations.

Meanwhile a Jerusalem message says that a considerable stir has been caused by a report that the Grand Mufti, who has been in exile in Beirut, has left by special plane for Hedjaz. Confirmation of this report, however, is lacking.—Trans-Ocean.

Big Offensive In Chekiang Province

Tokyo, Mar. 21. The biggest Japanese offensive since the capture of Hankow, has begun in the Chekiang province against 800,000 Chinese strung over 600 miles along the Chientang River, and the Shikang-Kiang railway.

Units from North China, and naval forces are assisting the rest of the Japanese troops in Central China.—Reuter.

CLIPPER DELAYED

Due to adverse weather conditions, the new 74-passenger Boeing Clipper will not now arrive at Kai Tak

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

until Saturday. The machine, which is on an experimental flight from San Francisco, will depart on the return trip on Sunday.

DAIRY FARM COY. HAS YEAR OF GREAT EXPANSION, REPORT REVEALS

(Continued from Page 2.)

December, stood at the formidable figure of \$904,509.88.

Turning to the figures in the Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet, I would call your attention to the amount of \$216,432.08 written off as depreciation. This amount exceeds by \$45,853.94 the amount provided for in the 1937 Accounts, but covers a full year's depreciation on all the fixed assets of the Company including the additions made during the period under review.

LAICHIKOK SALE
In the Balance Sheet you will observe the item \$310,000. Profit on sale of the Laichikok property. This property was acquired in 1918 when this Company took over the business of the Hongkong Ice Co. Apart from a small rental obtained for storage purposes, this property had been lying idle for a considerable period. After careful consideration your Directors concluded a sale of the property which resulted in a profit on its Book Value of \$310,000, now added to the General Reserve. This cash accretion has been the means of materially reducing the overdraft with our Bankers, which had been incurred largely by expenditure under Capital Account.

As you will observe the Capital Expenditure as detailed in the Balance Sheet has been as follows:—Building and Property A/c, \$179,465; 37, Ice Plant and Machinery, \$407,185.80; Launches, Lighters and Vessels, \$26,006.31; Furniture and Fittings, \$21,346.25; a total of \$643,903.81 exclusive of expenditure on cattle.

Unless further additions to the herd to those already contracted for are found necessary it is not expected that Capital Expenditure for this year will exceed \$20,000, the main items of which are the quick freezing plant and extensions at the Central Cold Stores.

As you will have observed a special meeting has been convened to be held immediately after this meeting, at which your Directors will recommend the issue of 41,905 fully paid up shares, to be offered one for every six, at present held by shareholders, at \$5.00 in cash, and \$2.50 from the General Reserve.

VALUE OF CONSERVATISM
Your Directors are of the opinion that Shareholders should now benefit by the conservative policy adopted in the past and believe they will appreciate this favourable offer which is to be made them.

If the proposition is accepted, we shall receive \$209,525 to further reduce our overdraft, and the General Reserve will stand at approximately \$600,960.

Before closing my remarks I should like to pay a tribute to the Staff, who have worked conscientiously during a strenuous and abnormal year. They have been voted a bonus of 7½% on salaries, which has been debited to Working Account.

I believe you will heartily support this vote.

SECONDER'S REMARKS
Mr. Owen Hughes said: It gives me pleasure to second the Report and Accounts, and congratulate the Directors, Manager and Staff on the excellent result of their labour during the past and difficult year.

The figures in the Account give us a full and complete picture of the business, which I feel sure have been received with much satisfaction. The policy of building up substantial reserves, will have very general approval.

I do not intend to comment to any extent on the very interesting speech we have just listened to except to express my own views on one or two points. You have referred, Mr. Chairman, to the item of Cattle Wastage Account.

Some experience during several years as a member of the Board I entirely agree this should be maintained at a fairly high figure, livestock being such an "unknown" quantity—especially a Dairy Herd.

The reports of the improvements made in the Dairy is to me very interesting, and I am really amazed at the progress made by our Company during the last two years and note with much satisfaction that the demand for milk has been so heavy as to warrant the importation of 135 head during the past year, and that you deem it necessary to contract for more during the present year.

To be able to provide our five million pounds of the highest grade milk to the public in such a restricted area is an achievement of which you may well be proud of, and I am glad the management has again extended to shareholders and customers an invitation to view the dairy. I have always taken a great interest in the farm, and can assure shareholders and customers from my own observation of many dairy farms at home that in the care of cattle, the housing, milking and bottling, milk, our company is incomparably more careful and efficient.

SOMETHING QUITE NEW
Equally gratifying is your report on the further extension of our cold storage capacity thus keeping abreast of the greatly increased demand. I am informed that the quick freezing plant for fish preservation is something quite new; I have no doubt this will be very beneficial to our business. It is also very good news to learn that the ice cream portion of our business is making such excellent progress.

It is hardly necessary to say that the sale of our property at Laichikok at a satisfactory figure, and as a result, your proposal to deal with the proceeds, has met with much satisfaction.

Capital Expenditure has certainly been high—but in my view absolutely necessary if we are to serve the public efficiently.

There is only one more matter that I would refer to and that is the (using your good words), formidable figure of \$904,509.88 representing stock. Assuming this is being cost of meat, butter, cheese, etc., this should be of comfort to those who may be anxious

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: England is to manufacture aeroplanes in Australia.
The Union Pacific Railway Company's February operating income was 68 per cent. under the same month of last year.
The United States Steel Corporation's first-quarter operating profit is estimated at \$23,000,000.
The Midvale Company's first-quarter orders exceeded those for the entire year of 1938.

EARNINGS: Sears, Roebuck, year ended December 31st, \$4.17 per share, against \$5.58 for the previous 12 months.

GRAINS: We expect the present programme of flour subsidy to continue to June 30th. The policy after that date has not been determined.

COTTON: The Secretary of Agriculture has asked for the continuation of price supporting devices in the farm programme.

RUBBER: Manufacturers bought to-day.
TIN: We expect a reduction in the second-quarter tin quota when the Committee meets to-morrow, or the elimination of the buffer pool.

LONDON AVERAGES:
March 20 March 21
Industrial Average 95.5 97.6
Ralls Average 54.1 56.9
On basis December 31, 1934 equals 100.

about the Colony's Food Supply during these uncertain days.

BONUS TO STAFF
Shareholders will, I am sure, approve the bonus of 7½% to the staff.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The re-election of the retiring Directors, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, was approved on the resolution of Mr. A. D. Wyllie, seconded by Mr. Morphet.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. R. L. Wyllie, seconded by Mr. C. T. Chan.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
The Extraordinary General Meeting followed at which the Secretary read the following resolution: "That the Company's Board of Directors be and they are authorized to offer to the persons appearing as shareholders on the 22nd day of March 1939 in the Company's register of shareholders 41,905 shares of the nominal value of \$7.50 each being part of the unissued capital of the Company in the proportion of one new share for every six shares held, to those persons who to-day are registered in the Company's Share Register as Shareholders. Shareholders are being asked to pay on or before May 31 next, a sum of \$5 per share in cash and if you approve, your Directors will at a later date request the sanction of shareholders to pay from the reserves of the Company the balance of \$2.50 per share. It is intended that the shares, the offer of which you are now asked to approve, will rank for dividend as from July 1, next.

This proposed issue of 41,905 shares, will bring in cash to the amount of \$209,525 to reduce further the overdraft with our bankers.

As already explained, capital expenditure in 1938 was considerable, amounting as it did to \$751,040.08, which included \$117,010.45 on Cattle Account. The sum realized from the sale of the Laichikok property, together with the sum now being called for, will approximately offset this amount. But for this sale the new issue could not have been offered on such favourable terms.

With these remarks, I beg to propose the resolution, which you have heard read by the Secretary.

Mr. Owen Hughes seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Slovak Customs And Reich

Berlin, Mar. 21. Herr von Ribbentrop to-day received two leading members of the Slovak Government, Dr. Duncovsky and Professor Tulka, who have arrived in Berlin to give definite shape to the relations between their country and the German Reich.

Customs and monetary questions will provide the main topics of the discussions, although it is not yet certain whether Slovakia will ask for a customs union and a common currency.—Trans-Ocean.

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Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 3; Polonaise in C Sharp Minor, Op. 20, No. 1; Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2; Nocturne in G Minor, Op. 15, No. 3.
6.25 Haydn—Trio in G Major, Coriol, Tibbault, and Casals. Yes.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.42 John Goss and the Cathedral Quartet.
The Boatmen (Harris); The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy-Scott); Agincourt (Willan); Here's a Health unto His Majesty.

6.52 Zarah Leander with Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
Song of the Nightingale (Hudson and Albright); The Second Serenade (Heykens); Orchestra. Three Stars Shine in the Sky (Brenner); Love Makes Women Beautiful (Grell); Zarah Leander. You Will Remember Vienna (Romberg); Big a Love Song (Romberg); The Orchestra. Looking For You (Sanderson); An Old Violin (Fisher); Albert Sandler (Violin); Olive Groves (Soprano); Longing; Sir (Benatzky); Zarah Leander. Cuban Serenade (Midgley); Marus-chka (De Lour); The Orchestra. Stop Beatin' Round the Mulberry Bush (Boland)—Quickstep; Don't Cross Your Fingers, Cross Your Heart (Marks)—Fox Trot; Na Gonnella and His Georgians; Bird in a Gilded Cage (Tilzer)—A Vocal Burlesque; Jerry Colonna; Vocal Burlesque; Jerry Colonna; All Ashore (Billy Hill); Goodbye to Summer (Phillips); The London Piano Accordion Band; There's a Jell in My Life (Gordon-Revel); Wake Up and Live (Gordon-Revel); Alice Faye; I Just Couldn't Take It (Baby Nichols); Junk Man (Meyer); Jack Teagarden and His Orchestra.

8.00 Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 Studio—Jack Grenham in a Recital of Light Songs.
8.30 London—At the Black Dog. Mr. Wilkes at Home in His Parlour; Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Patsy Thornton.
9.00 London—Empire Exchange. Points of View by Travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.
9.15 London—Accordeon. Some Favourite Tunes played by

Phil Green.
8.50 London—The News.
9.50 A French Programme.
Ouvre Ta Yeux Bleus (Massenet); Edmond Rameau (Tenor); Musette et Tambourin (Rameau); Orchestre Symphonique; Valse de l'Adieu (Chopin); Arr. Darcq; L'Adorable Cantilene (Chapelle); Ninon Vallin (Soprano); La Petit Capitaine (Raquel); Leslo Joffres and His Orchestra; Si Vous L'avez Compris (Denza); Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard); Andre D'Arkor (Tenor); La Marsellaise; La Garde Republicaine Band.
10.15 London—The President of the French Republic at the Guildhall.
Speech by M. Lebrun, preceded by the Lord Mayor's address of Welcome from Guildhall, London.
10.35 London—The Lincolnshire Handicap from Carlisle, Lincoln.

10.50 Dance Music.
Popular Hits... Banjo Medley by Morgan and Hadley; I'm Singing a Song for the Old Folks... Billy Cotton and His Band.
11.00 Close Down.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$1,345 b.
H.K. Banks Lon. \$1,345 b.
Chartered E. \$1,345 b.
Maritime, S. B. \$1,345 b.
Mercantile, C. \$1,345 b.
East Asia \$1,345 b.

INSURANCES
Canton \$1,345 b.
China \$1,345 b.
China Underwriter \$1,345 b.
H.K. Fire \$1,345 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$1,345 b.
Steamships \$1,345 b.
Indo-China, P. \$1,345 b.
Indo-China, D.S. \$1,345 b.
Shell Bureaus \$1,345 b.
Waterbury \$1,345 b.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$1,345 b.
Docks \$1,345 b.
Providents (old) \$1,345 b.
Providents (new) \$1,345 b.
New Eng. Sh. \$1,345 b.
Shs. Docks \$1,345 b.

Mining
Kallian \$1,345 b.
Raub \$1,345 b.
Venz: Goldfield \$1,345 b.
Hongkong Mines etc. \$1,345 b.
Antamols \$1,345 b.
Ataka \$1,345 b.
Baguio Gold \$1,345 b.
Benguet Consol. \$1,345 b.
Coco Grove \$1,345 b.
Con. Mines \$1,345 b.
Demonstrations \$1,345 b.
I.A.L. \$1,345 b.
S.M. \$1,345 b.
San Manuilelo \$1,345 b.
Suyoc Consol \$1,345 b.
Paracelis \$1,345 b.

LANDS
Hotels \$1,345 b.
Lands \$1,345 b.
Lands 4% \$1,345 b.
Shal Lands \$1,345 b.
Humphreys \$1,345 b.
H.K. Realities \$1,345 b.
Chinese Estates \$1,345 b.

UTILITIES
Trams \$1,345 b.
Peak Tram \$1,345 b.
Peak Trams (new) \$1,345 b.
Y. Ferries (old) \$1,345 b.
Y. Ferries (new) \$1,345 b.
China Lights (old) \$1,345 b.
China Light (new) \$1,345 b.
H.K. Electric \$1,345 b.
Macao Electric \$1,345 b.
Sandakan Lights \$1,345 b.
Telephones (old) \$1,345 b.
Telephones (new) \$1,345 b.
Tractions \$1,345 b.
Tractions (new) \$1,345 b.

INDUSTRIAL
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. \$1,345 b.
Cald: Macg. (Pro), Sh. \$1,345 b.
Canton Ices \$1,345 b.
Cements \$1,345 b.
H.K. Ropes \$1,345 b.

STORES, Etc.
Dairy Farm \$1,345 b.
Watsons \$1,345 b.
Lane Crawford \$1,345 b.
Sinceres \$1,345 b.
Wing On (H.K.) \$1,345 b.
Powell, Ltd. \$1,345 b.

COTTON, ETC.
Ewo Sh. \$1,345 b.
Shal Cotton \$1,345 b.
Zong Sing \$1,345 b.
Wing On Textiles \$1,345 b.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments \$1,345 b.
Constructions \$1,345 b.
Vibro Piling \$1,345 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$1,345 b.
G.S. Bonds \$1,345 b.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm. b. \$1,345 b.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3½% par. b. \$1,345 b.
Marsmans (Land) \$1,345 b.
Marsmans (H.K.) \$1,345 b.

ROME AFFIRMS AID FOR GERMAN DRIVE
(Continued from Page 1.)

army in April will be retained for active service.
The permanent Army Staffs which total 422 in peace time have been increased to a total of 31,000.—United Press.

MAN POWER OF ARMY
London, Mar. 21. Mr. R. A. Butler, answering questions in the House of Commons to-day, said that as far as he was aware, the man-power of the German army would remain unaffected by the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia.

Asked whether it was not the case that there was first-class equipment for a new army, including 700 first-class planes in the whole of the Skoda works, Mr. Butler said that it was difficult to give information.

Sir Lambert Ward interjected with the remark that as Czech heavy guns and rifles were of a different calibre, the advantage gained by Germany was not as great as suggested.—Reuter.

L.C.C. Celebrates Anniversary

London, Mar. 21.

Queen Mary and the Princess Royal attended the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the London County Council to-day, which was celebrated in the County Hall.

Queen Mary occupied the Chairwoman's seat, looking down on a distinguished gathering.
Mr. John Burns, one of the surviving members of the first Council, was present.—Reuter.

MOBILISATION BY RUMANIA

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Germans are considerably strengthening their western fortifications. The Berlin Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that the strained Anglo-German relations is causing some anxiety in Berlin.

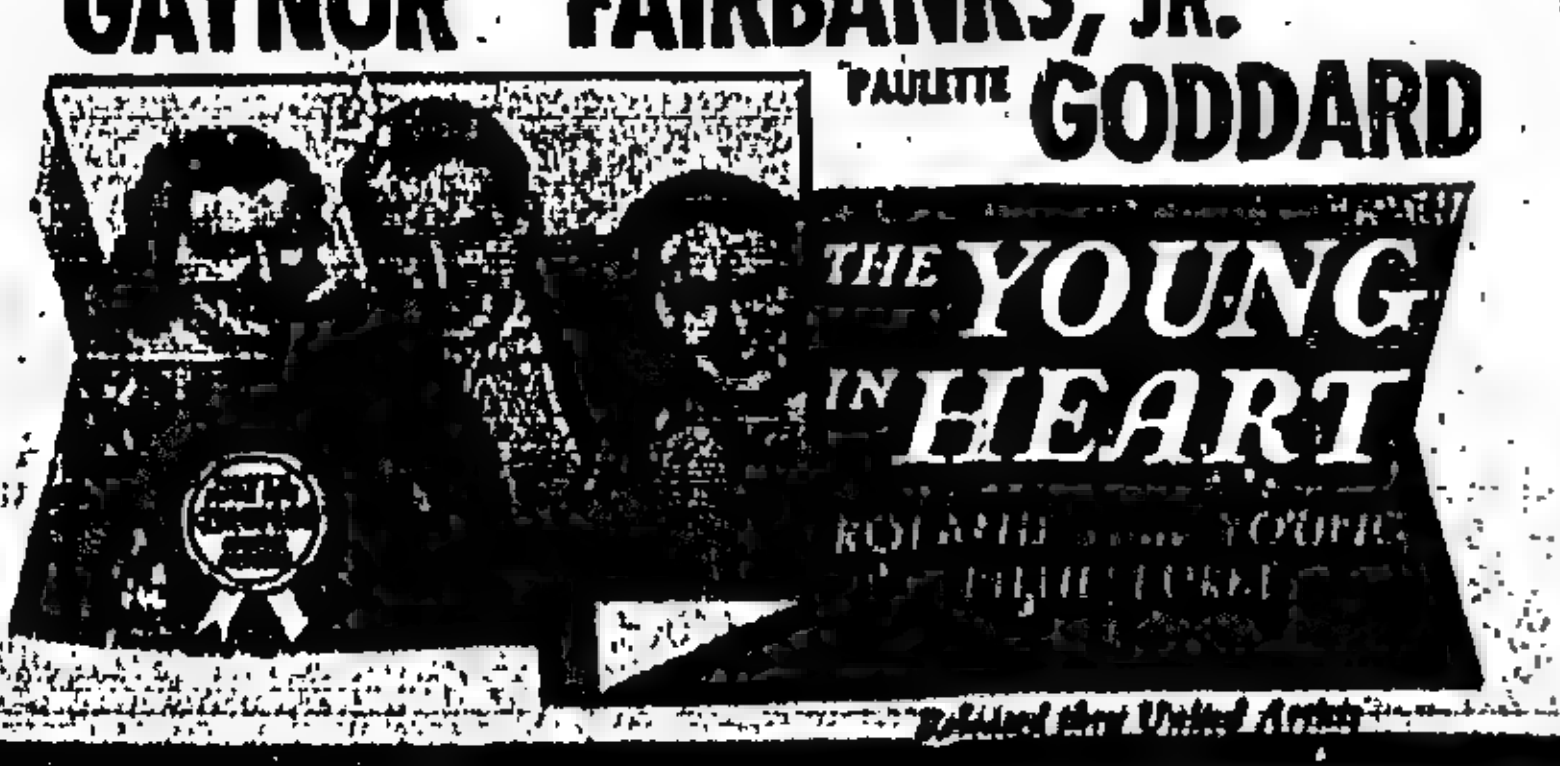
ATTACKS ON BRITAIN
continue their virulent attacks on Great Britain, whom they blame for the present crisis.

In Rome, the newspapers unanimously claim that the British and French military precautions are unwarranted and state that the democracies are heading for war.

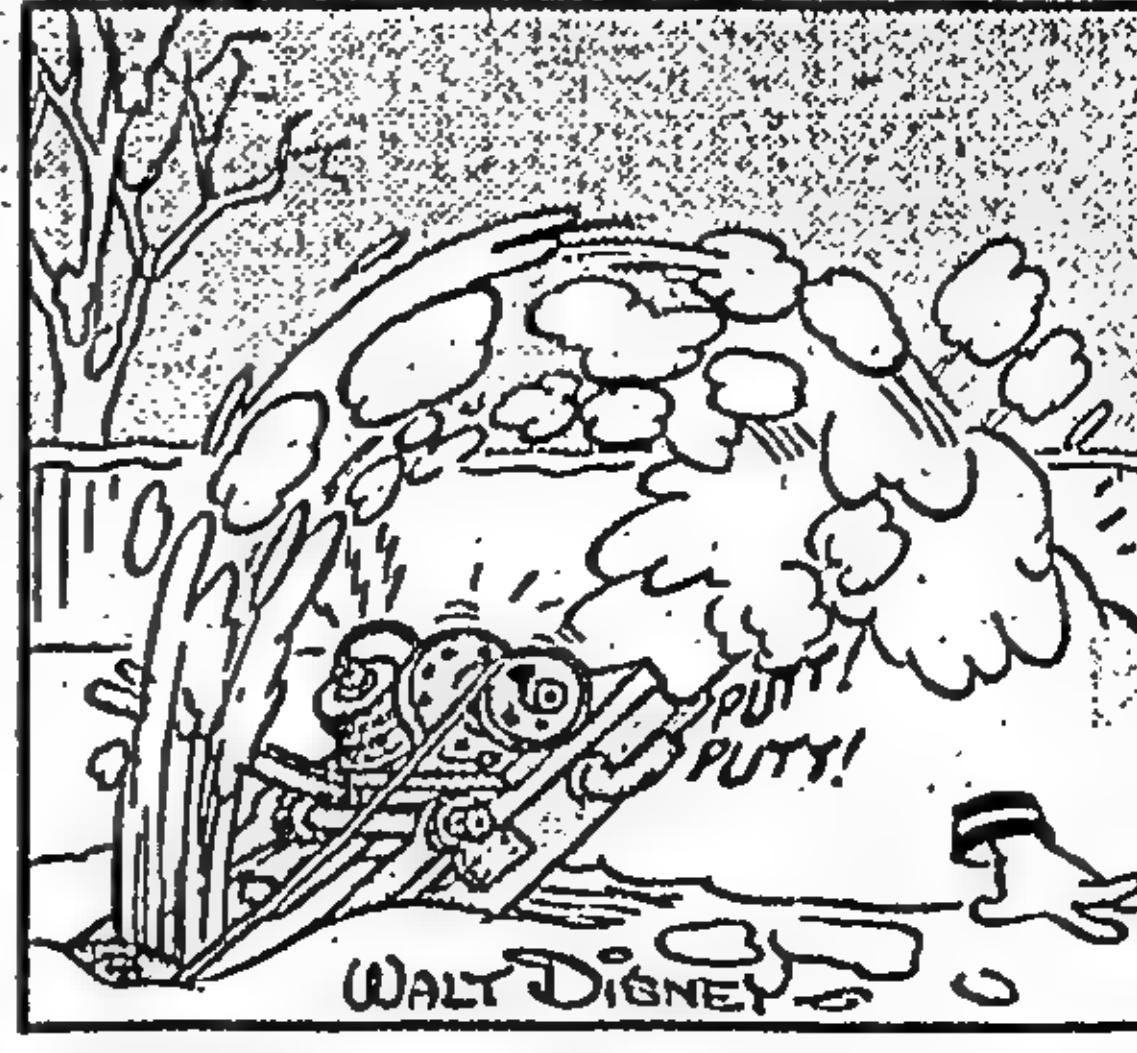
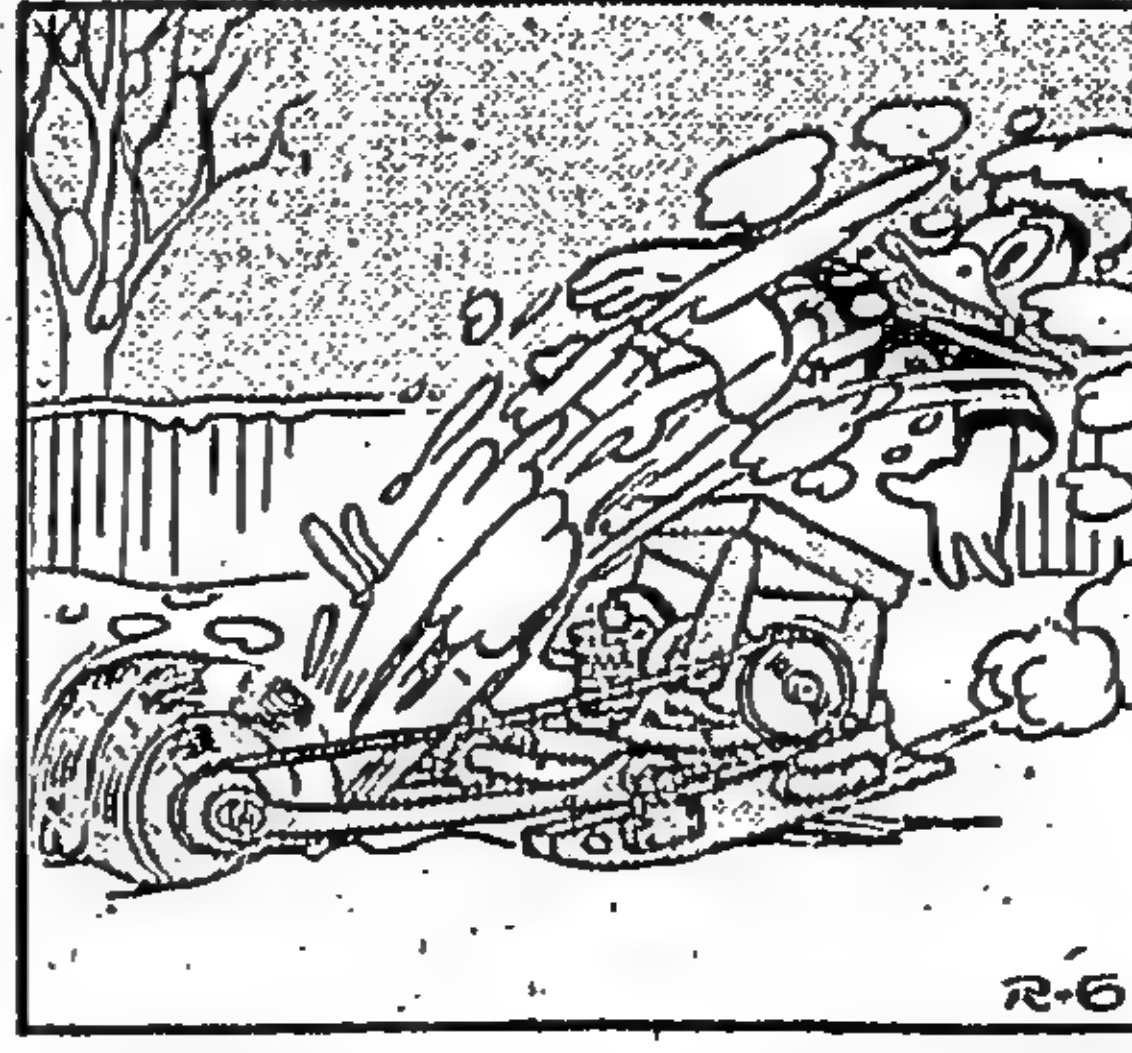
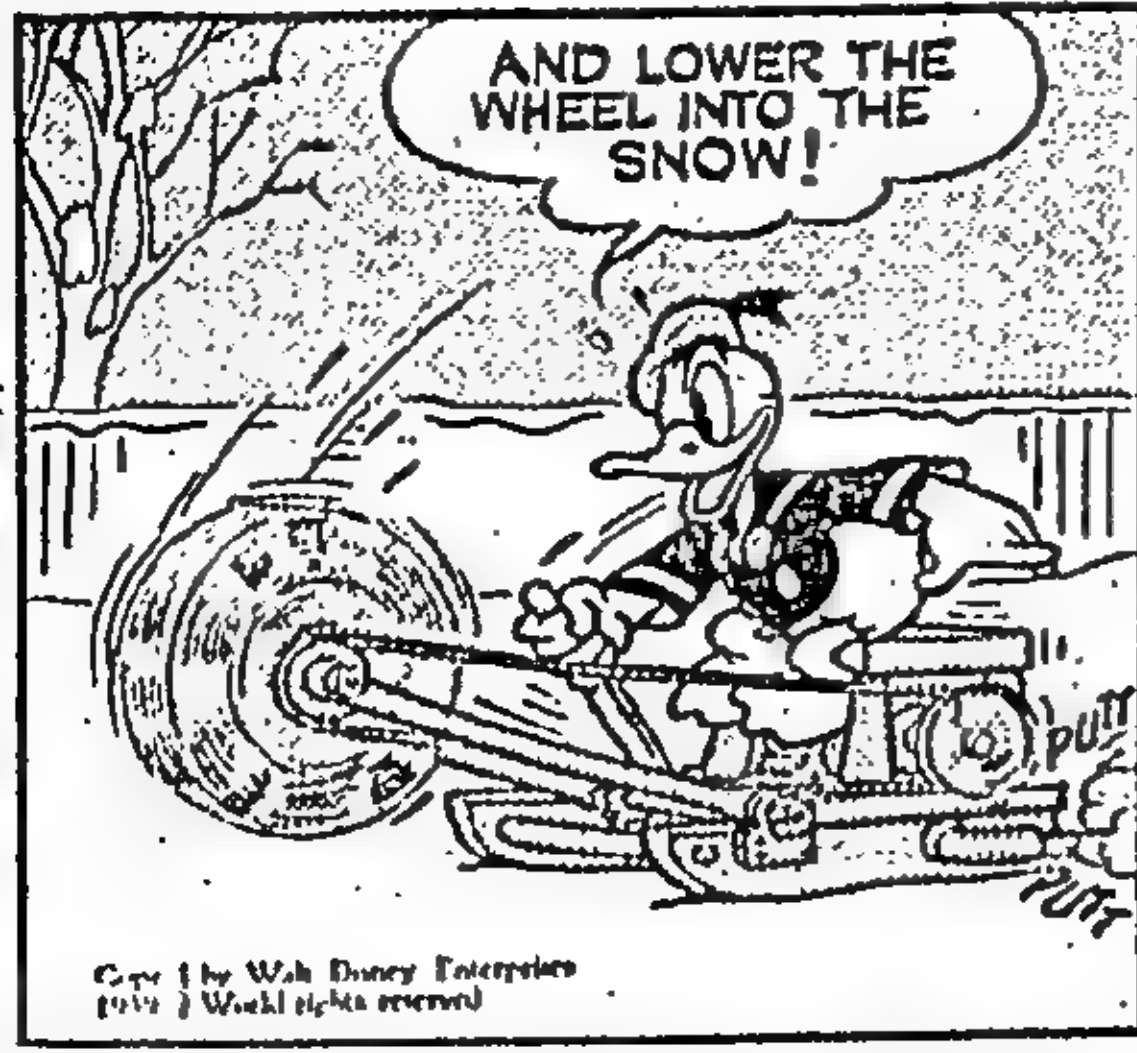
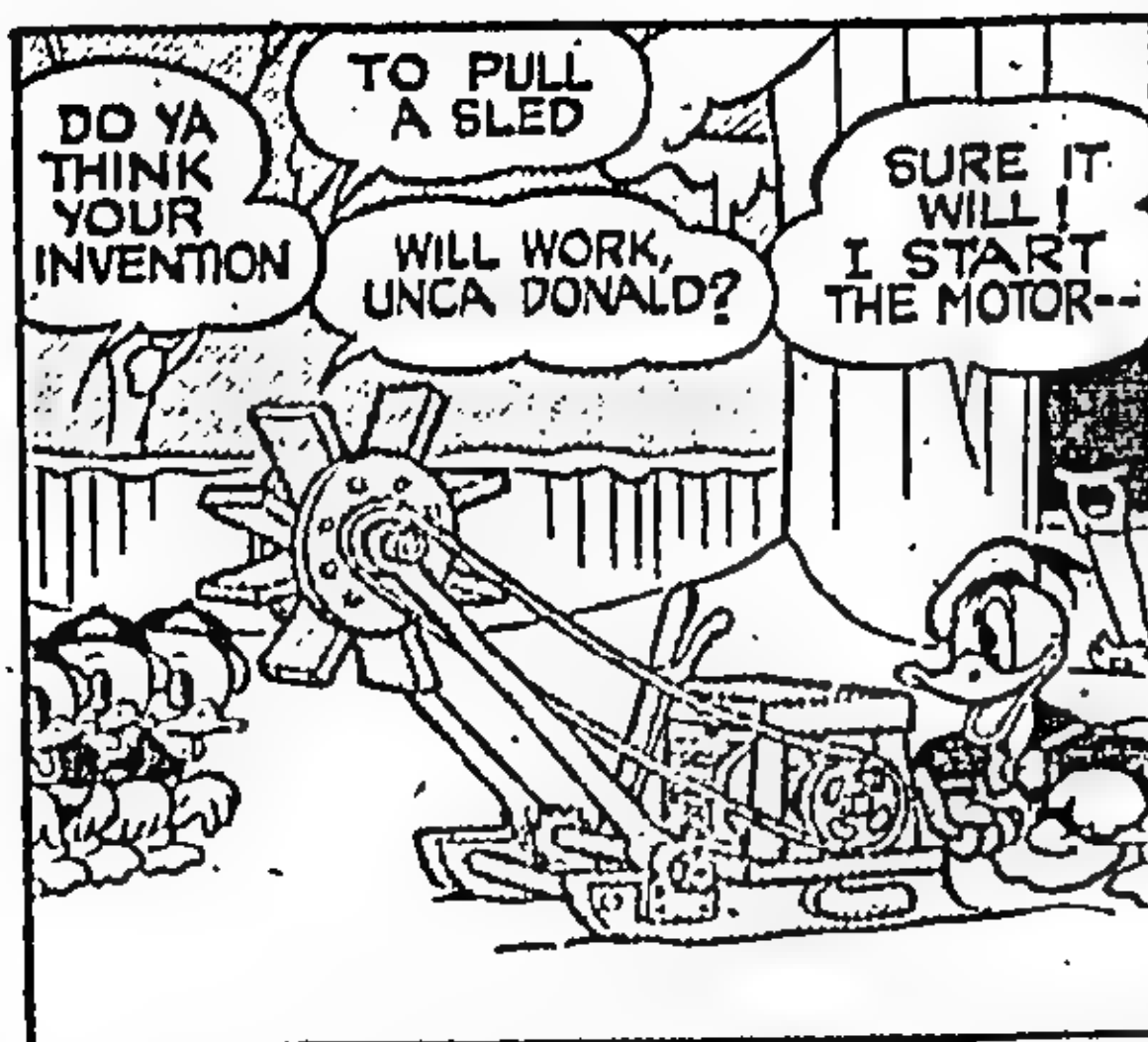
The fact that all newspapers publish identical articles leads to the belief that the attacks are inspired.

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Britain is sponsoring a movement for the proclamation to the world of a Declaration of Solidarity by the four Great European Democracies—Great Britain, France, Soviet Russia and Poland. The text is likely to be issued to-morrow or on Thursday.

DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY SOON

LONDON, Mar. 21.

A JOINT DECLARATION announcing a four Powers solidarity in the event of further German aggression, which Britain is sponsoring, will probably be couched in general terms, writes a diplomatic observer.

The text is being considered by the four governments concerned—British, French, Soviet, and Polish—but nothing official is likely to emerge until to-morrow, or Thursday.

BRITAIN HESITANT

While the Russians and Poles are desirous that the document should contain clauses binding the signatories to take action, it is believed that British circles favour an immediate general declaration which does not exclude the possibility of definite military commitments, or even an international conference afterwards, should the signatories so desire.

It is felt that a conference at the present crisis would be extremely inconvenient, especially if held in Bucharest, as it is understood, the Russians are suggesting, while elaboration of specific commitments would take too much time.

It is emphasised that the fact that negotiations are proceeding with the Russians over the drafting of the declaration, should not be interpreted as a disagreement. It is emphasised that the present negotiations concern methods, rather than general principles.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Deep interest is taken in the attitude of Italy, which doubtless, will be clarified by Signor Mussolini's speech next Sunday.

The departure of Signor Bernardo Attolico, the Italian Ambassador from Berlin to Rome has aroused comment in political circles, as has the Paris rumour of French approaches to Italy, which has hitherto been denied.

Polish and Turkish envoys conferred with Viscount Halifax to-day, and M. Georges Bonnet, who is accompanying the French President to London, is seeing Viscount Halifax to-morrow, when they will most likely discuss the declaration, and the concrete form which it should be given.

M. Tilen, who called at the Foreign Office to-day, is returning to the Rumanian capital to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

M. DALADIER'S MEASURES

Paris, Mar. 21. Measures announced by M. Edouard Daladier under his full powers include the following:

Conscripts may be kept under arms when their service period has ended.

Reserves and specialists may be called to the colours for longer than normal.

Artillery effectives to be increased by 3,000 officers and non-commissioned officers.

The irregular forces in North Africa to be augmented.

A 60-hour week in all factories engaged in defence work.

Loans to be granted to firms working on defence orders.

A Directorate of arms production to be formed under the Ministry of Defence to speed up arms production.

Persons who have previously worked in arms factories may be recalled.

Publication of military information, not previously issued by the Government to be forbidden.—*Reuter*.

BRITAIN'S APPEAL TO SOVIET

Moscow, Mar. 21.

The official Tass Agency has been authorised to deny that the Soviet Government recently offered its help to Poland and Rumania in the event of their being victims of aggression.

It adds that Poland and Rumania did not apply for help, nor did they inform the Government of any danger threatening them.

What happened was that on March 18 the British Government informed the Soviet of the existence of weighty reasons to fear an act of violence over Rumania and inquired about the

Netherlands Neutrality

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 21.

HOLLAND IS fully determined to adhere to a policy of strict neutrality, as it is unaware of any threat to its security, declared M. Liovoogd, head of the press department of the Government to-day.

Britain, he added, had not to his knowledge invited Holland to participate in any conference in connection with the Central European developments.—*Trans-Ocean*.

possible position of Russia in such an eventuality.

In reply, the Soviet put forward a proposal for calling a conference of States most likely to be interested, namely Britain, France, Poland, Rumania, Turkey and the U.S.S.R. The British Government, however, found this proposal premature.—*Reuter*.

EFFECT ON FAR EAST

Tokyo, Mar. 21. The suggestion that Britain, France, and Russia will be obliged to modify their Eastern policy owing to developments in the European situation, is made by the Japanese press to-day.

The newspaper "Mijako Shimbum" says that Japan cannot but pay serious attention to the future course of events, because Europe was now exposed to serious danger owing to the strengthening of the axis between Britain, France, and Russia, against Germany.—*Reuter*.

NO APPEAL TO U.S.

Washington, Mar. 21. Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, said to-day that

Specialisation In Government?

Enquiries at the Colonial Secretary's Office as to whether it was proposed to abandon the policy of giving Cadet Officers experience in all Government Departments in favour of specialisation, elicited the reply this afternoon that no such change was contemplated.

It appears that even if no concrete scheme on these lines has been adopted by Government, the tendency towards specialisation has become apparent over the last few years.

Police Magistrates have not been changed so frequently and some Magistrates have retained their posts for a considerable length of time. This may be in harmony with the unifying of the legal service, a Bill in connection with which comes before the Legislative Council to-morrow.

Police Cadets have also remained stationary of recent years and it is significant that the present Director of Education was appointed from outside the Colony as an expert whereas past practice has been to recruit from the local Cadet Service for this post.

AIR MAIL DELAYED

The Imperial Airways plane expected to-day has been delayed and will now arrive to-morrow.

no communication had been addressed to the U.S. Government regarding the central European situation by any Government, nor had the United States exchanged views on the situation with any other government.—*Reuter*.

NATIONAL REGISTER IN S. AFRICA

Cape Town, Mar. 21. Registration of the first class of Reservists in the South African Union began to-day.

The Premier, General Hertzog informed Parliament that the Government in the very near future would make a statement on its attitude in connection with the European situation.—*Trans-Ocean*.

U.S. WILL JOIN

Washington, Mar. 21. It is reliably stated that if the proposed anti-aggression declaration is signed by the European Powers, the United States would be willing to issue a similar declaration of its own.—*Reuter*.

DRAFT SUBMITTED

London, Mar. 21. Great Britain has submitted to France, Russia and Poland the draft of a declaration which will obligate the four powers to "immediately consult in the event of any further political aggression."

France is understood to have tentatively assented to the British formula when M. Bonnet was engaged in a long conversation with the British Foreign Secretary to-day.—*United Press*.

state of emergency will be proclaimed to-night.

Reliable sources said Germany offered a treaty returning Memel to Germany and granting Lithuania extensive commercial concessions.

According to informed circles the reports abroad that Germany has sent an ultimatum or note to Lithuania regarding Memel are untrue.—*United Press*.

MARTIAL LAW MAY BE PROCLAIMED

Kaunas, Mar. 21. Martial law, it is expected, will be proclaimed in Lithuania this evening owing to the fear of internal disorders.

The semi-official "Lietuvos Aidas" in a leading article headed "Beware of Enemies At Home," denounces the so-called Lithuanian activists who are accused of seditiously plotting against the State. The paper affirms that these activists have carried on a particularly lively agitation among the peasantry against the Government.

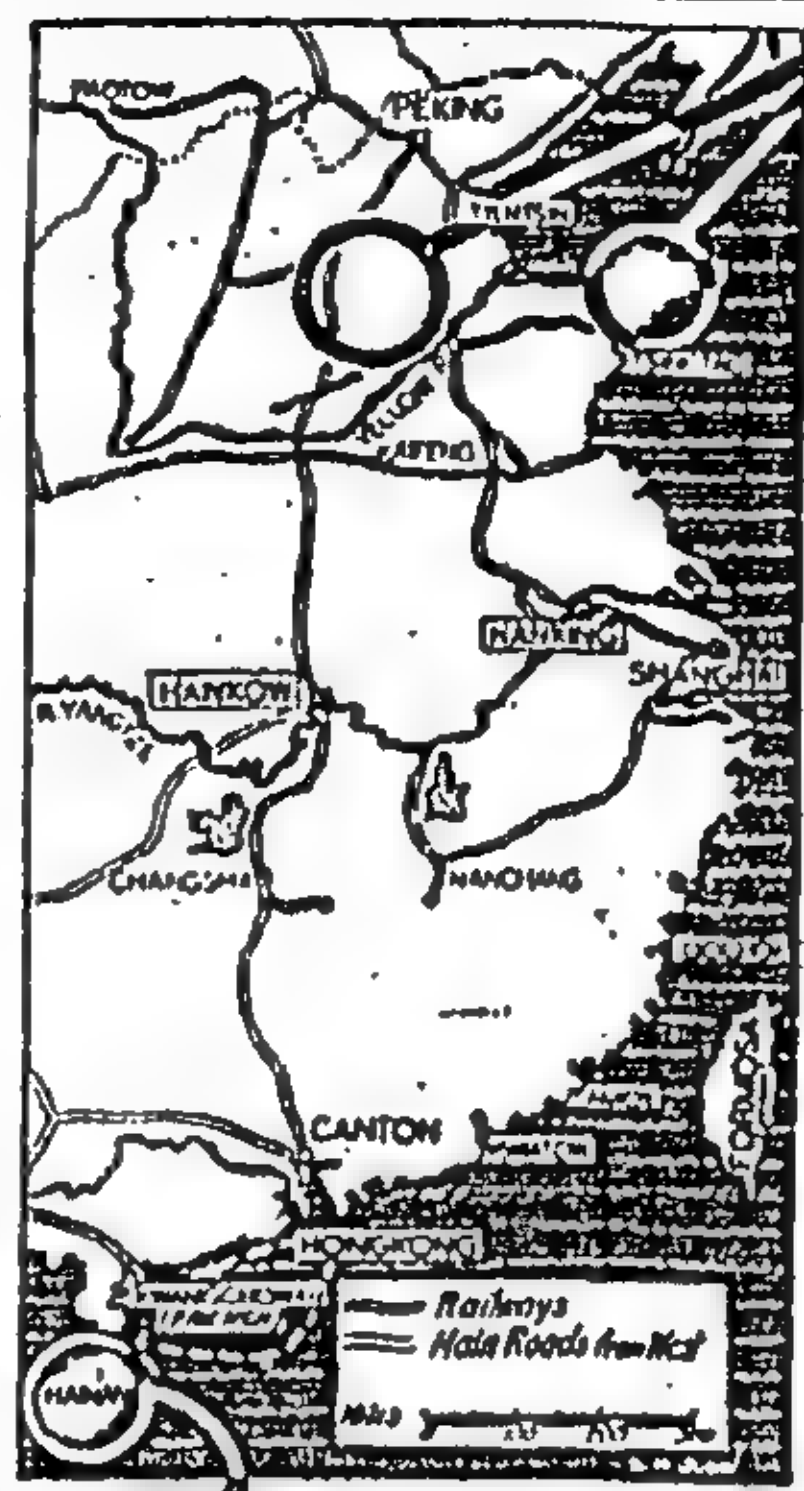
A Cabinet Council was held here this afternoon with President Smetana in the chair. Foreign Minister Urbys reported to the Cabinet on his conversation with the German Foreign Minister.—*Trans-Ocean*.

SWEDISH MANOEUVRES

The Swedish naval manoeuvres are to be held in the Baltic Sea instead of off the western coast, due to the international situation.

LITHUANIANS EVACUATING

Memel, Mar. 21. The evacuation of Memel, by Lithuanian soldiers stationed there began this afternoon. Troops are being transported to other parts of Lithuania, and it is expected that by Wednesday, there will be no Lithuanian soldiers left in the Memel district.



HERE is Helman Island, on which Japanese troops, according to latest reports, are now encountering severe opposition.

Considerable numbers of Chinese guerrillas are constantly attacking the Japanese positions, and further reinforcements are being called for by the Japanese garrison, according to a "Central News" message.

A large concentration of Japanese warships is reported between Hailow, on Hainan, and Pakhoi, on the Kwangtung mainland.

IN these two areas, far behind the advanced Japanese lines, Japanese troops are trying to suppress the activities of Chinese guerrillas.

H.K. PRIZE WINNER

£100 Consolation For Colony

HONGKONG'S only success in the Irish Sweepstakes draw was a £100 consolation prize.

This was drawn by ticket R32153, held by Mr. Lau Kai-to, c/o National Underwriters, Prince's Building, Hongkong.

Swatow also had a £100 prize, drawn by ticket Z211772, held by Mr. Wong, of 9 Jin Sew Li, Kialat, Swatow.

COUNTERACTING THE GERMAN PUSH

BRITAIN'S NEW DRIVE IN RUMANIA

PARIS, Mar. 21.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the despatch of a British trade mission to Rumania has made the best possible impression in Bucharest, according to messages received here.

Rumanian political circles feel, that with the support of the British, Rumania will be able to conclude a treaty with Germany on equal footing.—*Reuter*.

MISSION TO ROME

Paris, March 21.

It is rumoured that there is a move on foot in influential circles to send an unofficial emissary on a special mission to Italy.

The names of M. Laval, who negotiated the North African treaty with Signor Mussolini, and the Comte de Chambren, are mentioned as emissary, but M. Laval denies having been approached on the matter.

It is realised here that if a decision is to be made, it must be done quickly, as Mussolini is due to speak on Sunday.—*Reuter*.

ACTIVITY IN POLAND

Warsaw, Mar. 21.

The British Ambassador to Poland, Sir Howard Kennard, called at the Foreign Office to-day, and it is believed that he communicated Britain's proposed diplomatic measures for the opinion of Colonel Beck.

It is thought here that Colonel Beck is unwilling to commit himself to any rapid re-alignment of policy hitherto pursued, namely in not joining any bloc. He is hardly likely to do so before his visit to London on April 3, when a thorough discussion of Poland's attitude is expected.

It is pointed out that Poland already has an alliance with France and commitments with Rumania.—*Reuter*.

Many Syrians Arrested

Beirut, Mar. 21.

A large number of leaders of the Syrian Nationalist movement, including Nabih el Azme and Malchid Mourada, were arrested by the French military authorities to-day, and this is regarded as an attempt to smash the Nationalist bloc.

Later the Syrian Parliament met in Damascus. The Parliament building were cordoned off by police and military, and only a few Deputies ventured into the building.

The former Foreign Minister, Saad Allah Djabiri, strongly protested against the occupation of Damascus and the arrests which had been made. French circles here are said to be watching developments with considerable apprehension.—*Trans-Ocean*.



WANG CHING-WEI

ATTEMPT ON WANG CHING-WEI

Secretary Killed By Assassins

TSUNG CHUNG-MING, the closest follower and chief secretary of Wang Ching-wei, died of wounds yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, which he received during the attempted assassination of the expelled Kuomintang leader on Monday night, according to the *South China Daily News*, the local vernacular paper which is generally considered as Wang's organ.

The paper, which confirms that Mrs. Tseng Chung-ming and one other person were seriously wounded, does not mention whether Wang Ching-wei was harmed.

Three assassins were arrested, the paper says.

"Domel" says that four Chinese visited the secret residence of Wang Ching-wei at 3 a.m.

Attacked with pistols, Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, private secretary to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and his wife and one other person were seriously wounded. Mr. Wang Ching-wei was understood to have escaped unhurt.

ASSASSINS ARRESTED

Hanoi, Mar. 22.

The four Chinese who attacked the retreat of Mr. Wang Ching-wei near Hanoi on Monday morning, were arrested by French police shortly afterwards.

Although subject to strict examinations, the assassins are keeping silent.—*Domel*.

ANOTHER KILLING IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Wang Chieh-chen, tax collector of the Industry Ministry of the "Reformed" Government, was shot dead when a Chinese assassin attacked him in a room in a Chinese hotel on Hankow Road in the International Settlement at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

The assassin knelt at the door of Mr. Wang's room and after ascertaining his name fired a volley of pistol shots. Mr. Wang was killed instantly.

The day was the 12th anniversary of the occupation of Shanghai by the Chinese National Revolutionary Army in 1927. The culprit is still at large.—*Domel*.

WENT TO WRONG BUILDING

Hanoi, Mar. 22.

It now transpires that the three Chinese assassins broke into Tseng Tsung-ming's residence in the mistaken belief that Wang Ching-wei lived there.

Actually, Wang Ching-wei was residing in the building next door. The assassins used sub-machine guns, badly injuring Mr. and Mrs. Tseng when they let loose a hail of bullets.

In addition to Wang's secretary and his wife, the assassins injured two other people.

Tseng subsequently died from his wounds. Four bullets lodged in his abdomen.—*United Press*.

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Anglo-French Friendship

It is employing no conventional
figure of speech to affirm that
at the present moment not only the
Governments but also the peoples
of Great Britain and France are
united by a friendship more in-
timate and more cordial than at any
previous period in their long his-
tory. If any testimony were
needed it would be found in the
spontaneous and warm welcome
which last night greeted the arrival
in London of the French President,
M. Lebrun, and his wife.

To-day, cordiality between the
French and British peoples needs no
emphasising. It has been born of
common sacrifices in the past and
a common interest for the future.
Yet these things are not foremost
in the minds of the crowds that last
night welcomed London's dis-
tinguished visitors. The heart of
the Empire has shown its homage
to a President and his wife who
symbolise in their own persons the
highest virtues and rectitude.

That the visit has not also its
political significance it would be
foolish to pretend, but its political
purposes are subordinate to the
fact that M. Lebrun and his
wife are returning the visit which
Their Majesties made to the French
capital last year. Primarily, the
events in London during the three-
day visit will be a demonstration
and a pledge of the friendship be-
tween two nations that have been
drawn closer together in recent
years by a community of sentiment
and of interest. Secondly, but even
more important in ultimate conse-
quences, is the firm conviction that
from this friendship may come a
stronger basis for peace in troubled
Europe. Every aspect of the cele-
brations affords a guarantee of
closer co-operation in conciliation.

No happier result could come
from the visit of the French Pres-
ident than that it should offer that
assurance for the future which the
democracies of Europe seek. These
things will be the concern of M.
Bonnet, the French Foreign Minis-
ter who accompanies the President,
and of British Cabinet Ministers,
who will doubtless be in close con-
tact during the visit. At the mo-
ment they are thrown into the back-
ground.

One of the happiest incidents in
connection with the Presidential visit
was the call made yesterday on
Her Majesty Queen Mary by M.
and Mme. Lebrun who, doubtless,
recalled the occasion on which Her
Majesty and the late King George V
visited Paris during the bleak
days of the Great War.

Equally with M. Lebrun, the
King struck a note of sincere
neighbourliness between the peoples
of France and Great Britain in the
drive from Victoria Station to
Buckingham Palace, where the dis-
tinguished visitors will reside until
Friday.

CARETAKER
at the Foreign Office

LORD HALIFAX, who
made a notable speech
on the European crisis
yesterday, has many private
virtues which endear him to
his friends.

He is deeply religious; he is
an ardent lover of country life;
he comes from a family in which,
for three generations, the tradi-
tion of public service has been
profound.

He held great public office be-
fore he became Foreign Secre-
tary. Earl Baldwin made him
President of the Board of Educa-
tion, and in 1926, Viceroy of
India.

In that latter capacity he was
not unsuccessful; for at least he
made British Imperialism look
less stark and ugly than it was
under Lord Reading or Lord
Willington.



Lord Halifax belongs to a
class that, I think, is peculiarly
English in outlook.

He is kindly and gentle in
manner. He is always prepared
for compromise on unessentials.
He is the perfect country gentle-
man.

He gives impression that his
political life is something ex-



LORD HALIFAX

ternal to his real interests. Just
as Earl Baldwin would have
wished—but for the call of duty
—to cultivate his garden, just
as Sir Edward Grey always
longed for his birds, so Lord
Halifax has assured us that he
would rather be Master of Fox-
hounds than Prime Minister.

But the call of duty was too
peremptory to be denied. His
friends think him indispensable
to the Party, so that, for its
sake, he did not avoid the in-
vitation to serve.

He is not a man of clear pur-
pose or of forthright speech.

At bottom, he is a mystic, who
could hardly explain his intel-
lectual processes even to himself.

He dislikes the clear-cut prin-
ciple and the downright mind.
He likes that twilight world of
intuition in which the sentiments
are uttered which all men can
approve.

He distrusts the ideas which
sharply demand practical ap-
plication. He does not like to
know directly where he is going.

He is all for "atmosphere" and
"understandings"—the impalp-
ables which leave you a way out
in either direction.

Since 1936, he has been, per-
haps, the most influential mem-
ber of the National Government
behind the scenes—even more so
with Mr. Chamberlain than with
Earl Baldwin.

Under the former, he has been
the most powerful representa-
tive in the Cabinet of the policy
of appeasement—the instrument
of the country house aristocracy

which has felt that, at all costs,
peremptory to be denied. His
friends think him indispensable
to the Party, so that, for its
sake, he did not avoid the in-
vitation to serve.

He persuaded himself until
Hitler's latest adventure that,
somehow, a deal could be done
which would save Britain from
war. Until last week, no sacri-
fice was too great alongside the
imperative need for peace.

He believed that, wisely
handled, Hitler and Mussolini
could be persuaded to build their
empires without touching our
basic interests. They could be
taught to speak the language of
the gentleman.

War, Lord Halifax believes,
means revolution, and revolu-
tion means a Socialist society.

What, of course, Lord Halifax
refused to see was that all this
was the postulate of his own
thinking. That Hitler and
Mussolini regard the world as an
artichoke that they can eat as
they wish he did not for a mo-
ment contemplate.

That solemn engagements had
no meaning for them he did not
for a moment contemplate. That
they looked upon Great Britain
as the final enemy, to be destroy-
ed when they had a Fascist
Europe under their heel, did not
occur to him.



Like Sir Edward Grey, he
could shut his eyes to all that
was unpleasant. He could pay
lip-service to the League. He
could preach a sermon about col-
lective security.

But also, like Sir Edward
Grey, he can admit, as he admit-
ted yesterday, that he was
wrong. He can admit that this
is a real world and that Hitlerism
is a real menace.

What he did not grasp at
Munich he grasps at Prague.
Appeasement could not buy
off the deluge.

He could not transform Hitler
and Mussolini by his noble in-
cantations, so his tone has
changed.

He is not their willing tool.
Nor does he now assume that
the finer their words the more
sincere their intentions.

Much that is reminiscent of
British policy twenty-five years
ago will now creep into the
Foreign Office.

Britain is awakening to the
fact that the gravest danger to
the peace of Europe is the lack
of knowledge of the intimate
interdependence of peace and
democratic institutions.

Noble gestures, may soon be
replaced by something radically
new. Pacific words do not bring
appeasement. Piece by piece,
the fortress of democracy has
been surrendered in the past—
that will not continue in the
future.

Least democracy pay a heavier
price than it already has paid by
the surrender to Fascism, the
lead is to Britain. And our
Foreign Secretary has shown, by
his speech in the House of Lords
yesterday, that the grim as-
sumption that the Dictators can
be won by appeasement is no
longer the policy of Britain.

Many people have feared in the
past that Britain would be car-
ried over into what is effectively
the Fascist camp. Hitler him-
self quelled these fears.

A gentleman does not break
his word. Lord Halifax has too
high a character to feel anything
but repugnance for what hap-
pened in Europe last week.

Munich was described as a
"Gentlemen's Agreement." Bri-
tain, France, Italy and Germany
shook hands on the understand-
ing that was arranged at that
German city. Mr. Chamberlain
courted disavowal at home for
his insistence that his part of
the agreement should be ob-
served.

That is the position with Lord
Halifax to-day.

Hitler talks of
religion . . .

4th day of

"I ASKED HITLER QUESTIONS"

The questions are asked by an interpreter—and answered from
Hitler's best seller, "MEIN KAMPF" ("My Struggle"). Page re-
ferences at the ends of paragraphs refer to an edition issued for
Storm Troopers, an unexpurgated copy of which is used in the
compilation of this series.

Q. YOU have jailed Pastor
Niemöller and dozens of other
Roman Catholic and Protestant
priests. Why?

A. "The ravages caused by the
misuse of religious convictions
for political ends are the worst of
all. Really one cannot take severe
enough action against those miserable
crooks who see in religion a means
which gives them political or busi-
ness advantages.

"These impudent mouthers of lies
sell their faith to the whole world
with stentorian voice—not that they
want to die for their faith, but to
make a better living." (p. 294.)

Q. Are all priests bad?

A. "Among priests there are cer-
tainly such to whom their holy
office is only a means to satisfy their
political ambition; but for such an
unworthy one there are a thousand
and more honourable men." (p. 126.)

Q. Would you like to abolish re-
ligion?

A. "Attack on religious doctrines
is very similar to attack on the
general legal basis of the State, and
just as the latter would end in com-
plete anarchy, so would the former
end in a worthless religious nihilism.
The politician, however, should
measure the value of a religion less
by its perhaps inherent defects than
by the goodness of an evidently
better substitute. But so long as such
a substitute is apparently non-exist-
ent, the existing one can be destroyed
only by fools or criminals." (pp. 293-
294.)

Q. But religious persecution is a
commonplace in Germany. Are
Nazis enemies of religion?

A. "The movement refuses to take
any standpoint on questions
which either lie outside the frame
of its political work or are un-
important for it. Its purpose is not
a religious reformation but a political
reorganisation of our people. It sees
in both religious faiths (Roman
Catholic and Protestant)
valuable supports for the existence
of our people, and therefore combats
those parties which desire to degrade
this religious and moral foundation
of our people to the instrument of
their party interests." (pp. 379-380.)

internationally-minded Communist."
(p. 632.)

Q. What do you think of the Roman
Catholic Church?

A. "Although its doctrine in many
parts, and sometimes quite
superficially, conflicts with exact
science and investigation, neverthe-
less it is not prepared to sacrifice the
least syllable of its dogma. It has
recognised very rightly that its power
of resistance does not lie in more or
less conforming itself to the scientific
thinking of the day—which in reality
is always changing—but in holding
rigidly to an established doctrine.
Thus it is stronger to-day than ever."
(p. 513.)

Q. What do you think of Protest-
antism?

A. "Protestantism represents better
the needs of Germanism." (p.
123.)

Q. What do you think of the Jewish
faith?

A. "In actual fact the Jewish re-
ligion is nothing but a doctrine
for preserving the Jewish race." (p.
165.)

Q. What do you think is the value
of religion?

A. "Faith, by helping to lift man
above the level of purposeless
animal life, in truth helps him fortify
and secure his own existence." (p.
416.)

MORE TO-MORROW

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

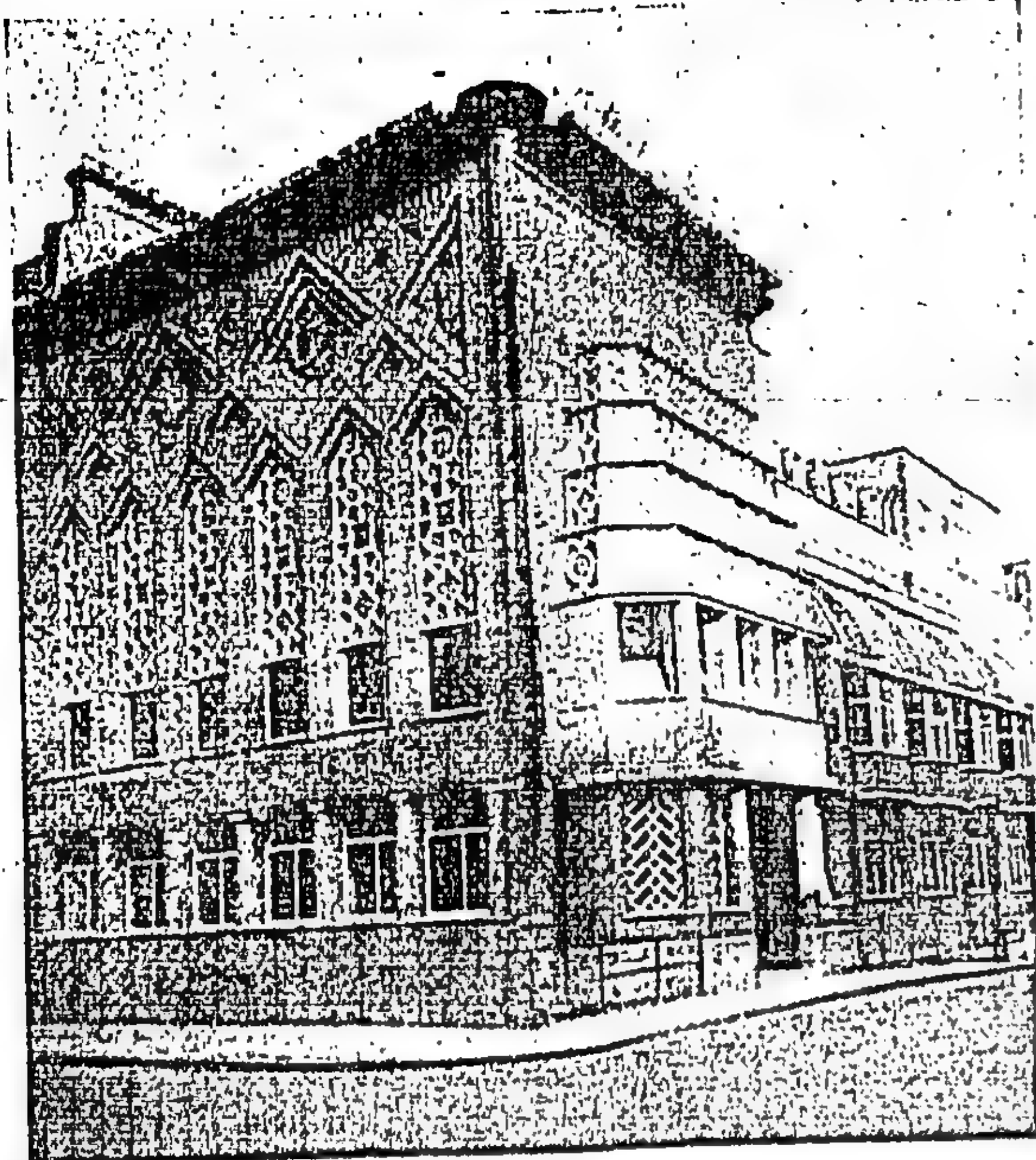


"I don't care what you've decided—we're not staying in to-
night. My face is all made up!"

To-day's Thought

Who's in or out, who moves
this grand machine?
—CHARLES CHURCHILL.

KING SEES HOPE FOR PEACE IN ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS



The new buildings of the Institute Francaise, the opening ceremony of which was attended yesterday by President and Madame Lebrun as part of the official routine of their State visit to London. The President and Madame Lebrun visited the gymnasium of the Lycee, which forms part of the Institute building.

REGAL WELCOME IS GIVEN PRESIDENT, MADAME LEBRUN

Last Night's Banquet

LONDON, Mar. 21.
IN A SETTING of truly regal splendour, the King and Queen to-night entertained President and Madame Lebrun to a State banquet in the white and gold ballroom of Buckingham Palace.

The 195 guests included Queen Mary, many other members of the Royal Family, the Premier and other members of the Cabinet, many Ambassadors, and other distinguished figures, including the Archbishop of Canterbury.

At the conclusion of the banquet the King rose to toast the visitors. His Majesty referred to the cordiality with which the Queen and himself were received in Paris in July last, and continued to say that the climate of London at this season did not compare with the brilliance of Paris.

The King spoke of the warm feeling with which the people of Britain and in the farthest corner of the realm greeted the distinguished head of a great and friendly nation. "Our two countries can look back to many centuries of glorious history—glorious not only for heroic deeds, but also for achievements in the fields of the sciences and the arts. In each country the practice of self-government is eloquent of the ideals of freedom and justice dear to both our peoples."

"We are also conscious of the identity of interests making the welfare of each a common concern of both. Our statesmen are thus able to take counsel one with another in perfect mutual confidence, and I firmly believe that the co-operation of the two governments has rendered, and will continue to render a great service to the cause of peace. They are anxious to do all in their power to further the solution by mutual agreement of the many grave problems with which the world is confronted, but they would be a party to no solution attempted in violation of these principles, which ought rightly to govern relations between States."

When later in the afternoon the French President and Madame Lebrun visited Queen Mary at Marlborough House, the spontaneous enthusiasm of the crowds delayed progress down the Mall. People surged into the roadway and the car was brought to a standstill as men and women pressed around, cheering wildly, and waving miniature British and French flags.

OPEN NEW PREMISES
Within three hours of arriving in England, the French President and Madame Lebrun were among hundreds of their own countrymen and women when they visited the new premises of the Institute Francaise in South Kensington, and heard the building declared open by the Princess Royal. The Princess Royal is co-president of the Institute with M. Lebrun.

This evening, Their Majesties gave a State banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of the French President and Madame Lebrun, which was followed by a reception.—British Wireless.

MET AT VICTORIA STATION
The party entrained for London where it was met at Victoria Station by the King and Queen, other members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, and a number of members of the Cabinet, and other distinguished figures. Their Majesties with their guests, drove in a carriage procession to Buckingham Palace, which President and Madame Lebrun left later in the day to fulfil several engagements, concluding with a State banquet to-night at the Palace.

After the royal procession had entered the Palace, the crowd outside broke through the police cordon and rushed across to the Palace gates, and stood shouting: "We want the King! We want the President!" Eventually President and Madame Lebrun, with Their Majesties and other members of the Royal Family, returned to the Palace.

At the end of the questions, the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced a Bill which is to be passed through all its stages by Thursday, giving necessary powers to enable banks to postpone the making of payments out of bank accounts, and the transfer of securities and gold connected with the Czechoslovak Republic.—British Wireless.

At another answer Mr. Stanley said that protection of British trade interests in Czechoslovakia, to which British exports in 1938 amounted to £2,267,000 was under consideration.

Referring to reports which he had seen of criticism of the agreement in friendly foreign countries, the Minister urged members to study the full text of the agreement, claiming that the criticisms in question were largely based on a misunderstanding or a misrepresentation of the actual agreement.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

YATES WILL DEFEND HIS AMATEUR TITLE

American Golfer's Long Journey For A Gamble: May Repeat His Feat

London, March 1.

Charles Yates, of Atlanta, Georgia, who won the British Amateur Championship last year, will defend his title at Hoylake in the week beginning May 22.

Aged twenty-five, and an outdoor representative of a banking house, Yates was a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team which was beaten at St. Andrews last year for the first time in the history of the event.

He emulated the achievement of his friend, R. T. Jones, by winning the championship from one of the strongest fields ever assembled. Yates is the fifth American holder of the title in the last eight years, and on the last four visits of the U.S. team a member of it has returned home British champion.

It is a wonderful record of American efficiency and determination. With the exception of his first-round match against Fischer, member of the U.S. team, and the semi-final against Hector Thomson, both of which he won at the nineteenth, Yates was never seriously pressed. Standing upright, and punching the ball hard and true with a well-controlled swing, he was the only American player capable of producing a consistently high standard of golf throughout a week of strong winds and heavy rain.

As a putter Yates lived up to the reputation of all first-class American golfers. Without fuss or irritating preliminaries, he rapped the ball firmly at the hole. It was principally in this department of the game that he bent the giant Irishman, Cecil Ewing, by 3 and 2 in the final.

A GREAT FAVOURITE

Yates's breezy manner, which makes him a great favourite among the crowds, is in striking contrast to the life-and-death attitude adopted by most players of the championship class. He laughs at his mistakes, cracks jokes with the caddy, and talks to anybody; in fact, he treats the whole thing as good fun. After winning he said: "Well, I was just lucky; if the championship were played again, any of the British boys might bump me off in the first round."

Though not expecting to be "bumped off" in the first round at Hoylake, Yates is fully aware that in travelling 8,000 miles there and

back to defend his title he is undertaking a tremendous gamble. "I shall do my best, of course, but it is too much to hope that I shall be lucky enough to win again." Still, what his compatriot, Lawson Little, achieved in 1934-5 is not beyond the capacity of Yates.

He has an additional incentive to win at Hoylake, for it was there, in 1930 that the master golfer Jones, a fellow member of his home club, by winning the Open, made it possible to accomplish the greatest feat off all time—the Grand Slam of golf.

A GREAT RECORD

Hoylake produced two outstanding figures in the game, John Ball and Harold Hilton who, between them, won fifteen national championships, a record that no two men, members of the same club, are ever likely to equal.

The three post-war winners of the Amateur title are W. I. Hunter, a Post Office telegraphist, who went to America and turned professional; Dr. W. Tweddell, of Stourbridge, who captained the British Walker Cup team; and the Hon. Michael Scott, who astonished the younger generation by winning at the age of fifty-five. That was in the year of his first victory, though he would ridicule the suggestion that he was capable of repeating that famous victory.

While, on this occasion, he will have few, if any, of the leading American players to contend against, Yates will meet stern opposition in J. Ferrier, the Australian champion, and James Bruen, the Irish youth who missed last year's championship in order to concentrate all his energies on the Walker Cup match.

Yates and Bruen met in that contest, and it is not without significance as a guide to this year's championship that the American only won at the thirty-fifth hole—2 and 1.

MERIT MAY WIN

Having, meanwhile, gained much valuable experience, it would not be surprising if Bruen turned the tables on Yates. Of all the younger players, Bruen is the most likely to win the championship.

Besides having an undoubted flair for the game, his self-confidence is supreme. To see him sitting on a shooting-stick calmly viewing the surroundings whilst an opponent plays his shot is a sight not usually associated with a youth of eighteen. That Bruen is a golfer of all-round merit is shown by his wonderful score of 282 from the championship tees at St. Andrews during the Walker Cup trials, winning a total of 285 in the Open of 1927.

Given a little luck, with which all winners of championships are favoured, the Irish youth, who combines great length with accuracy, may well turn out to be the new British champion.

There are other players, of course, in the running, among them Thomas, Scotland No. 1 player; L. G. Crawford, a mighty hitter, who, if practice and determination count for anything, should win everything; A. T. Kyle, a young Scotsman from Leeds, who was one of last year's "discoveries"; Gordon Peters, a Glasgow golfer of proved ability; and Frank Fernie, English champion for the last two years, a player who goes on hitting the ball down the middle with a persistence calculated to break through the defences of any opponent.

A DIFFICULT COURSE

At full stretch Hoylake is 7,200 yards, the longest of all the championship courses, and also one of the most difficult the last five holes providing one of the severest of tests.

The man who wins at Hoylake will be a worthy champion, for he will



WOMAN SQUASH RACKETS TEAM from America, visiting England for the International match for the Wolf-Noel Cup, in which they were defeated by the English team. Left to right—Miss Anne Page (Capt.), Miss E. Pearson, Miss B. William, Miss F. Scherman, Miss M. Bostwick and Miss H. Stone.

Pen Pictures Of Lady Interport Hockey Players

In his weekly hockey notes to-morrow, our hockey correspondent, "The Pilgrim," will include pen-pictures of the ladies selected to visit Shanghai for the Interport next month.

Chinese Team Chosen For Lai Wah Cup

The following players will represent the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup final against the Civilians, to be played on Sunday, March 26, on the Club ground:

Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "B"); Hou Yung-sung (Kwong Wah), Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern), Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"), Hsu King-shing (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sun (S. China "A"), Fung King-cheung (S. China "A"), Lee Wai-long (S. China "A"), Capt. Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves—Mak Siu-hon, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Tack-kee, Chan Ping-to, Cheuk Shek-kam, Wong King-chung, Chow Man-chi, Tsang Chung-wan and Lo Wai-kuen.

be called upon not only to drive far and sure, but to play even conceivably type of shot, in a high wind the course is a veritable nightmare to all but the strongest players, and, certainly, it is no place for the bigger and lighter ball.

It is possible that the fourteen clubs rule which has received the partial blessing of St. Andrews, may be put into operation prior to the championship, in which case players will require to undertake a drastic overhaul of their present equipment. In some cases as many as six, and eight clubs will need to be weeded out, but, generally speaking, the number have found that the matched players will be small as many a set of fourteen clubs is ample for all purposes.

It might be as well to point out that, while a player cannot borrow a club from his partner or opponent, as the case may be, he is permitted to replace a broken club during the course of the round. The point has been raised as to whether a player, having reached the ninth hole, can start the homeward journey with an entirely new set of fourteen clubs.

Though nothing to the contrary has been laid down in the proposed new regulation it is only reasonable to suppose that a player must finish the round with the set of clubs with which he started, exceptions being made only in the case of replacement by accidental breakages. As in all other instances, the spirit of the rule must be observed.

Owners And Trainers Optimistic Regarding Grand National Race

London, Mar. 22.

Considering the tremendous odds against a horse even finishing, many owners and trainers are singularly optimistic regarding the prospects of their horses in the Grand National Steeplechase, which will be run at Aintree on Friday.

Mr. Goldsmith, trainer of Black Hawk, considers that the horse has a very good chance.

Mr. Beeby, trainer of Brendan's Cottage, and Rockquill, says the former has an excellent chance, having won over the course, while Rockquill also likes Aintree.

Mr. Arthur Sainsbury, owner of Blue Bird, says the horse is much better than it was last year when it came in seventh.

Mr. Bridgman, trainer of Epiphany, points out that the horse has never fallen.

Mr. Wright, trainer of Inverloch, says the horse has a winning chance; Mr. Good, trainer of Peneclair, says the horse is an Aintree specialist.

It finished fifth in the last two years and is sure to complete the course; Mr. Walker, trainer of Temewillow, considers the horse a typical Aintree type; while

Sir Alexander Maguire, owner of Workman, is very hopeful.

Despite the European situation, railways and airways report the usual gigantic business.—Reuter.

Cricket

Major Swyer 93 Not Out For R.A.M.C.

The R.A.M.C. beat the 40th Coy. Royal Engineers by 69 runs in a semi-final cricket match of the Small Units Knock-out competition, played at Sonkumpos on Sunday and Monday. The Medicals batted first on Sunday, and, except for S/Sgt. Patterson, few of the early batsmen could make many runs against the bowling of Q.M.S. Goodger and Cpl. Denyer, and at one time had lost 7 wickets for 89 runs. Major Swyer and Cpl. Shorthouse became associated, and took the score to 189 before separation. Major Swyer, 93 not out, played a brilliant innings, subdued at first, but hitting out vigorously after tea. Goodger's 6 wickets for 43 was a very fine performance.

The Royal Engineers batted for half an hour on Sunday before stumps were drawn, and in that time lost one wicket; score at the close was 34 for 1. On Monday, L/Sgt. Shipp, Spr. Pike and Q.M.S. Buckle gave assistance to Spr. Bailey (52), but with L/Sgt. Land and L/Sgt. Lowe unable to bat through injuries, the Engineers lost their eight wickets for 144 runs.

The scores were:
Medical Corps
S/Sgt. Patterson, b Denyer 34
Cpl. Webb, c Lowe b Goodger 1
S. M. Wright, c sub. b Denyer 4
Major Harvey, c Shipp b Denyer 16
Sgt. Bailey, c Smith b Webb 52
Major Swyer, not out 93
Q. M. S. Green, b Goodger 9
Cpl. Shipp, c Shipp b Goodger 1
Cpl. Leverington, b Denyer 16
Cpl. Shorthouse, c Bailey b Goodger 16
Cpl. Parker, c sub. b Goodger 1
Extras 10
Total 213

Bowling Analysis
Goodger 20.3 43 6
Denyer 25 133 8
Shipp 3 3 1
Pike 3 9 0
Lowe 10 75 1
Total 62.3 277 15

O. M. S. Goodger, c Smith b Green 17
Sgt. Carpenter, b Harvey 12
Spr. Bailey, c Smith b Webb 52
Cpl. Denyer, b Harvey 2
L/Sgt. Shipp, c Shorthouse b Wye 10
Cpl. Shipp, c Shipp b Webb 16
Spr. Pike, b Webb 10
Sgt. Chandler, c Pearson b Webb 1
Cpl. Hawking, not out 0
Extras 23
Total (8 wks.) 164

L/Sgt. Land and L/Sgt. Lowe were absent injured.

Volunteers To Play Club De Recreo

The following will represent the Volunteers in their cricket match against the Club de Recreo at Kings Park on Sunday, March 26, at 11 a.m.:
A. C. Beck (Capt.), A. B. Perry, W. L. Mackenzie, E. C. Fincher, T. A. Madar, E. Zimmern, D. McLellan, D. J. N. Anderson, F. Baker, K. Baxter and N. A. E. Mackay.

Major Johnstone Wins Golf Tie

The tie for the Captain's Cup March qualifying round on the Old Course at Fanning was won by Major A. S. Johnstone, R.E.

La Salle Sports Postponed

Owing to the inclement weather, the La Salle College athletic sports meeting, originally arranged for today, has been postponed to next Saturday.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)
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semaphore—annulate—seneschal.

Id. 28151.

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KOWLOON GOLF

W. Bastin Wins Captain's Cup Competition

W. Bastin (12) won the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition recently, beating W. C. Simpson (8), 7 and 5.

The Hong Foursomes final was won by the Harbour Office (R. K. Collings, 5, and T. B. Low, 10), who beat the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels (F. C. Barry, 9, and E. O. Murphy, 14) by 4 and 3.

R.A. GOLF MEETING

The Royal Artillery Golf Meeting will be held at Fanning on Monday, April 3, by kind permission of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Serving and retired Officers of the Royal Artillery are eligible to compete, and enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, R.A. Golf Meeting, Headquarters, China Command.

Bowling Analysis
Harvey 10 3 30 2
Green 9 1 33 4
Smith 4 2 31 2
Wye 0 1 75 1
Webb 5 1 2 3

INDOOR BOWLING

In an interesting ten-pin match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last evening in the second stage of the E.W. League, Hongkong Wonders beat the Greyhounds, a team from H.M.S. Thraxian, by 375 points.

Scores:
Hongkong Wonders
F. P. Hollis 163 177 150 490
J. S. Landolt 170 123 123 416
Gaddi 157 123 123 403
M. Talian 117 145 143 405
Total 1,775
Greyhounds
E. G. Carter 114 137 388
H. G. Willis 111 153 384
T. Annis 107 118 325
A. R. Toms 93 89 301
Total 1,460

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some kinds of

FRUIT

—grapes, oranges, peaches, for
instance—crushed on your

FACE

make a pleasant,
freshening, skin

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Do You Wear A Label?

DO you stand on your own feet, socially, I mean? Or do you go about your little world labelled always as Somebody's wife or Somebody's daughter, or even as a cousin of a famous Somebody Else?

Just pause a moment for a little stocktaking on the subject. You may get quite a shock to discover that unconsciously and by your own actions you have put yourself into the second group! And it is not a comfortable nor a happy place to belong!

Every woman, if she really sits down to think about it, wants to be valued by her friends for herself alone. She wants to be welcomed at parties because she is a good company and have her invitations accepted with pleasure because she is personally a good hostess. But does she always remember that "personal value" when she meets strangers for the first time?

In her effort to establish herself, to prove that she is really an interesting person to know, she is not always content to depend on her personality alone.

Building a Background

In the first half-hour she is mentioning quite casually, of course, that she is related to this well-known

person and that she was at school with that girl who is now a famous author. She "backs herself up" with as interesting a background as she can muster, and before she quite knows where she is, she is floating into a new social scene with somebody else's label round her neck.

It is also very easy, and so very human. A dull little woman gets herself invited out regularly because her brother has just joined the ranks of industrial peers, and the aunt of a famous actress suddenly finds that people who are content with a feeling of second-hand glamour want her company for afternoon tea. You may think that is exaggerated, but it is not in the least. "I know from personal experience."

Many people seem to demand labels for their friends, and they add them even when they are absolutely superfluous. A perfectly charming girl who is building up a good career as an artist is introduced: "You must meet Miss So-and-So. She's the granddaughter of a very famous surgeon, you know, and her uncle is Sir Such-and-Such."

Of you have the rather negative woman with nothing to say: "I dare say she isn't very interesting herself, but her daughter is Lady What-not and she has met Lord So-and-So several times."

Not a Snobbish Trait

There is a snobbish tang about that, but actually it is not such a snobbish trait. It is only that certain types of women like labels—any sort of labels—and if their friends and acquaintances don't wear sufficiently bright ones of their own they will add another. It is not enough for them to say of a woman: "She's such a bright, amusing person," so they add, "she's related to Lord What's His Name," who is probably a dull, uninteresting person.

Of course, if you have a famous or even infamous relative it is pretty difficult to shake off the label. And it is not easy to shake about the world denying that your brother has made great headway in his profession or that your sister-in-law has her name in lights!

But you can at least refrain from tying the label round your neck yourself. Don't use it for introductions, and don't respond at all to people who are obviously not interested in you until they read the label.

If you are lucky enough to have no handy label in your family, don't invent one. Don't try to create fame for your sons or glamour for your daughters. Don't bolster up your husbands or your father's success, and fill your conversation with details of the grandeur you knew at home in the good old days.

If you can't stand on your own feet socially, don't try to stand at all. If you don't make friends and keep them because you are a nice person yourself, then the "friends" simply are not worth having.

Anne Blythe

ONIONS IN BATTER

THIS interesting way of cooking onions is well worth trying:—Peel three small onions and cook them in boiling water with a teaspoonful salt for one hour. Strain and place them in a fire-

Fruit juice, applied fresh to your face, will tone up your skin, freshen its colour, make it smoother and softer. First take off all traces of make-up; a good home-made lotion for doing this is made by beating up three whites of eggs in half a pint of alcohol at 70 degrees. (You can get this from any chemist.) Then add the juice of half a lemon.

When you have cleaned your face with this, apply the fruit juice by crushing a few grapes, a peach or half an orange on your skin. Leave it on all night, in the morning wash it off with tepid water.

By the way, always make certain that your hands are absolutely clean before you start any face treatment; give them a good massage with cream, too.

That Business Skirt

MANY skirts are spoiled in the pressing, but this is seldom due to lack of care, rather to a lack of knowledge of how to set about the job so as to obtain the best results.

To obviate the possibility of spoiling your skirt in the pressing, don't spread the garment on a well-padded ironing-board as many girls are in the habit of doing.

What you require is a hard board with only one layer of cloth. In this way, one can prevent the marks of the seams showing on the right side of the cloth, or at least it makes the imprint almost inconspicuous so that it passes unnoticed.

Another trick that goes a long way to making one's own attempt at skirt pressing satisfactory, is a light ironing. Good pressing lies not in a hard pressure, but in a uniform pressure. As a rule you will find that for better results are obtained by going over cloth three or four times lightly than by going over it once with an extra heavy hand.

Here is another point worth following:—The great fault in skirt pressing at the hands of the amateur is brought about by pressing until the cloth gets quite dry. No one denying this simple rule can hope to press a skirt so that it always looks its best.

French business girls argue, and rightly, that a skirt should steam

Flavour in foods

WHEN making apple tarts, sprinkle two or three tablespoonsful of orange juice over the apples. This gives a delicious flavour and is an immense improvement to apples that are inclined to be dry and tasteless.

Try putting an apple, cut up into quarters, inside the next chicken you roast. You will find that it gives a delicious flavour and also prevents the flesh from becoming dry.

The next time you are frying or steaming tomatoes, just add a teaspoonful of sugar to them and it will bring out their full flavour.

If a vanilla bean is kept in the sugar jar it will give the sugar a very delicate flavour. This is especially desirable for sugar to be used in cake baking.

When boiling ham; if a teaspoonful of vinegar and six or eight cloves are added to each gallon of water the flavour is wonderfully improved. Let the ham cool in the water in which it is boiled and it will be deliciously moist and nice.

If you are making fruit pies, add a dust of ginger, nutmeg, or cinnamon, or all three, and the flavour of the fruit will be delicious.

When stewing prunes, after washing and soaking them all right, add a breakfastful of cold tea to the water in which they are cooked. This greatly improves both syrup and flavour.

Cookery Expert

proof glass oven dish with one oz. dripping.

Bake ten minutes, then pour a batter over two onions, made from four oz. flour, one egg, half a pint milk, and a pinch of salt.

Bake in a moderate oven for about forty minutes.

This makes a delicious dish.

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Two Novel Cakes

HERE are recipes for two delicious cakes which will add interest to the tea table:—

Fudge Cake

Take ¼ lb flour, 1 oz ground rice, 3 ozs butter or margarine, ¼ teaspoon each mixed spice and ground ginger, 2 ozs Demerara sugar, 2 ozs golden syrup, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, 1 large tablespoon milk, 2 eggs, fudge filling, and few walnuts for decoration.

For the fudge filling use 6 ozs Demerara sugar, 1 oz butter, 2 table-spoons milk.

Beat the butter and sugar to a soft cream, then add the spices and golden syrup. Beat until evenly mixed. Whisk up eggs.

Now add a little ground rice and flour alternately with the eggs, until all the eggs and milk are used.

Finally, sprinkle in the baking powder. Turn into a well-greased sandwich tin and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5 or electrically 400 degs Fahrenheit) for about 20 minutes.

Turn on to sieve to cool. When cold, ice the top with caramel fudge filling and decorate with half walnuts.

For the filling:—Put all the ingredients in a saucepan and stir over gentle heat till the sugar has dissolved. Then boil 10 minutes. Take off fire and beat with a wooden spoon till thick and creamy. Pour over cake at once.

Cherry Slices

If kept in a tin box, these slices remain quite fresh for a fortnight.

For the pastry:—Take 4 ozs flour, 2 ozs butter, 2 table-spoons caster sugar, ¼ oz ground almonds, 1 yolk of egg.

Make same as ordinary short-crust pastry and roll out thinly. Line a large greased Yorkshire tin.

Fruit filling:—6 ozs glace cherries and 2 ozs walnuts, roughly chopped. Cut the cherries in quarters with a pair of scissors and place on pastry. Sprinkle walnuts on top.

Cake mixture for top:—1 oz butter, 2 oz brown sugar, 3 ozs ground almonds, 1 egg, and 1 beaten yolk. Cream the butter and sugar, add the beaten egg, and fold in the ground almonds.

Pour cake mixture over top of cherries, and bake in a moderate oven about 20 minutes. Cool, then cut into strips.

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SHORT CUTS

For dusting walls use a broom or floor brush with a clean dry cloth wrapped around it.

Cheese omelet may be used by throwing a liberal sprinkling of grated American cheese over the egg as the omelet begins to set. Let the egg brown and serve folded over with the cheese inside.

It is more economical from a standpoint of fuel consumption to use aluminium, glass or tin pans for ordinary baking than sheet iron or porcelain pans.

When taken from the ironing-board, if the pressure has been sufficiently vigorous to cause shiny spots, to show up, then be sure to wet the cloth again and go over it with a very hot iron, thus creating plenty of steam.

In dealing with the folds and double thicknesses where hard pressure at first may seem to be required in order to properly crease the garment, a second pressing to remove the resultant spots is frequently necessary.

In the case of a frock, do not use a really hot iron for pressing, except when you use a damp cloth. Taffeta, crepe de crine, georgette—in fact, all delicate materials, especially in pastel shades—are apt to fade if much heat is applied, and the silks will go "papery."

Ivie P. Holden



In the jersey dress at the left, yellow appears in a characteristic shade and is combined with dark green. In the woman's tooth plaid woolen box coat, make the yellow in the suit of Rodier silk linen at the right with skirt and scarf in maize and white plaid.

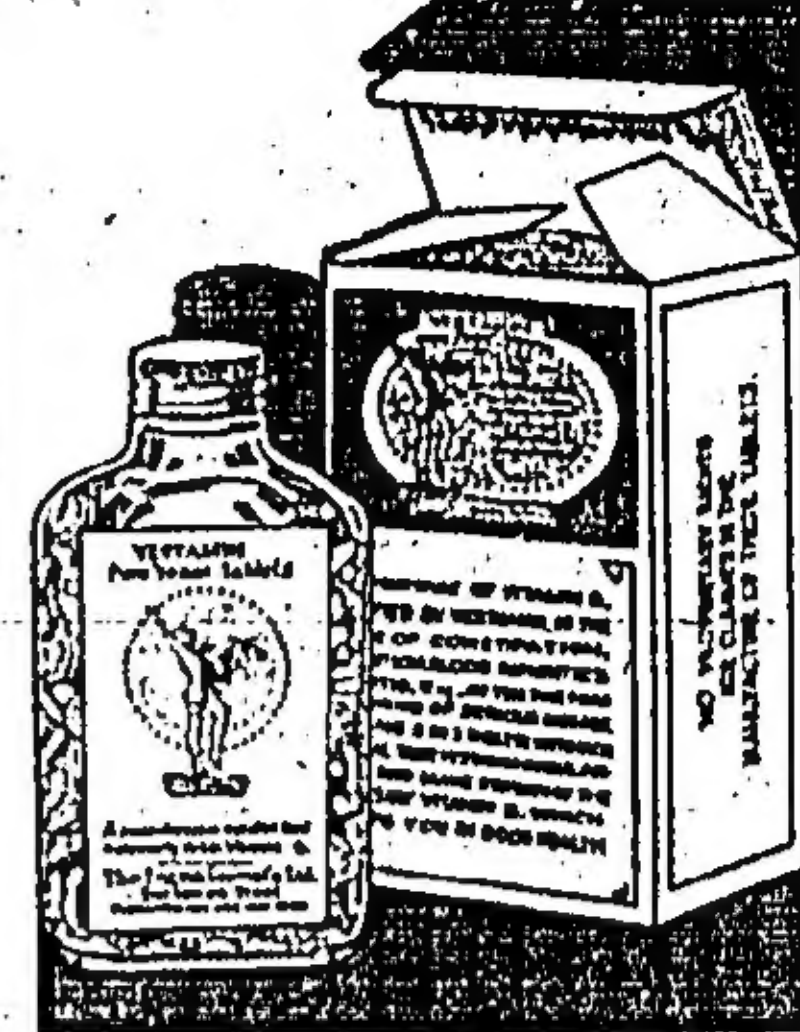
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By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Round ornament

2—Greek letter

3—River in Italy

4—Precious stone

5—Attention

6—Warmth

7—Norse writing

8—Devoured

9—Imagined with fear

10—Animal shelter

11—Full behind

12—Stance (Latin)

13—Exposed to air

14—Conquers

15—City's name

16—Consumes

17—Turmeric

18—Salt Lake Indian

19—Punishable

20—Invisible fluid

21—Ship of the Desert

22—Queen Elizabeth's family

23—Painful

24—Salt Lake Indian

25—Nonconformist (slang)

26—Arrange for value

27—City (slang)

28—Leave out

29—Mixed black and white

30—Novel by H. Rider Haggard

DOWN

1—Conflic

2—Anglo-Saxon verb

3—Collection of one subject

4—Second childhood

5—Unintended

6—Literary work

7—City opposite Bernese

8—Decide upon

9—Part from swamps

10—Bottle

11—Wraith

12—Martyr

13—Ornate

14—Deposited

15—Military assistant

16—Sceptical

17—Cliff's name

18—Sea eagle

19—Actual

20—Small worn

21—Bottle

22—Blender

23—Come out

24—Prices

25—Italy

26—Western state

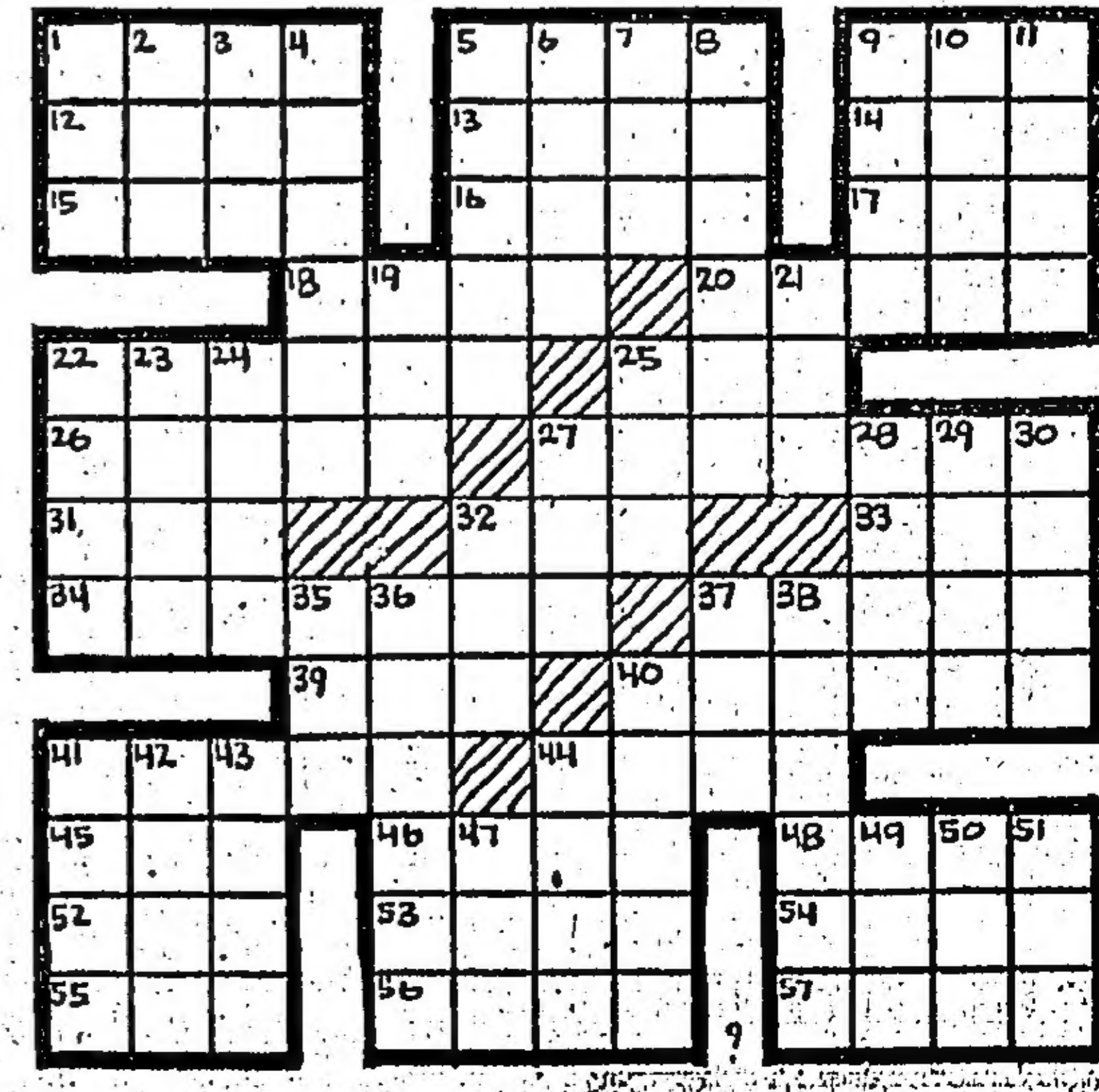
27—Wine vessel

28—Lake (Latin)

29—Wine vessel

30—Neutral

31—Optic



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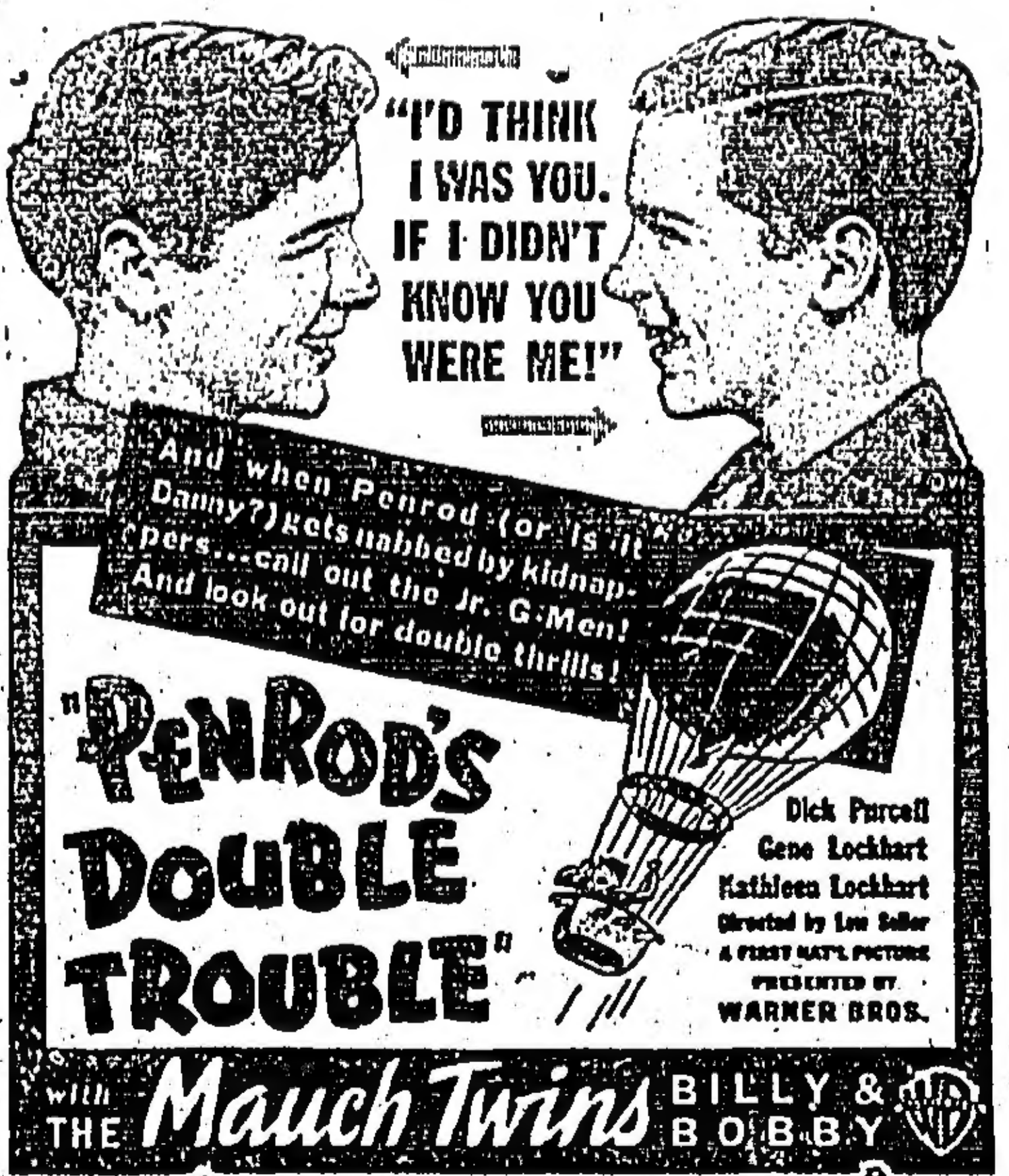
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Japanese Allegations Answered

London, Mar. 21.
The Government has replied to the Japanese protest of January 25 regarding the treatment of Japanese nationals in Singapore.

The answer maintained that it is understood all the rights on Japanese establishments complained of were carried out in compliance with the law.

Police action, it further pointed out, showed that intention existed among Japanese nationals to undertake action prejudicial to the Colony and calculated to bring about a breach of the peace.

Japanese nationals in Singapore, the note emphasises, are not subject to restrictions beyond those in force against all other nationals.

The note invited comparison between the defence measures taken in connection with the Singapore base and the measures taken by the Japanese in their own fortified zone. It is estimated that the position of Singapore compares favourably with that of Japan. A number of examples of Japanese police surveillance and spy mania are quoted.

The British Government, it was added, hopes that Japanese nationals will take account of their obligation as residents in British territory and thus obviate the need for any further measures on the part of the authorities.—Reuter.

Social Items

The St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship have arranged to visit the Home for the Blind at Pokfulam, on Thursday afternoon. Members will meet at the Ferry at 2.45 p.m. Accommodation in the bus will be available for any friends the members may desire to bring.

The prizewinners at last Thursday's meeting of the St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship were: Mah-jong, Mrs. Peckham; Whist, Mrs. Bertram; Bridge, Mrs. Humphrey; Cake Competition, Mesdames Cocking, Organ and Eustace.

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Yau Kam-chuen, teacher, and Miss Fung Woon-yu, of 291 Hennessy Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Cheung Hop-chiu and Mok Tun-mul.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Chin Bork-suey, physical instructor, and Miss Ho Lai-hing, of 39 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo; Mr. Chi Yuck-ning, dresser, residing at 11 Hua Domingo, Macao, and Miss Tso Yui-yu, of 133 Ki Lung Street, Shamshuipo.

LATE NEWS

48 Hours Notice

Now understood there was limit of 48 hours to Hitler's ultimatum to Lithuania, says "Reuter." Lithuanian Government has agreed in principle to unconditional demand for transfer of Memelland.

Thousands Called Up

Budapest.—While there had been no general mobilisation, it is not denied officially that thousands of men have been called to the Colours. There are indications that military measures are continuing.—Reuter.

Czech Parlt. Dissolved

Pregue.—Czech Parliament ended yesterday with dissolution of both houses.—Reuter.

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VIBRO PILING COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Vibro Piling Company, Limited, was held at the registered office of the Company to-day, when the Chairman, Mr. S. M. Churn, reported a satisfactory year's working.

Those present were Mr. S. M. Churn (Chairman), Mr. J. J. Basto, the Hon. Sir R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G. (directors), Mr. F. E. Staines, Remodels (Secretary), and Messrs. H. D. S. Page, C. H. Basto, E. W. Blackmore, Lam Shu Chuen, and M. Weill (Shareholders).

The Chairman said:

Gentlemen.—As you have had the Report and Accounts for a week now, I propose to adopt the usual procedure of taking them as read.

By referring to the Profit and Loss Account you will observe that after making full provision for depreciation, the net profit for the year amounts to £1,000. It is a result which your Board feels sure all shareholders will agree is highly satisfactory.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I do not think that any explanations are required, since the statement has been rendered in a very understandable form. I would like, however, to comment that of the sum of £1,000, £21,000 was set aside for the year, the bulk of the amount represents the cost of a further plant which we were fortunate to be able to purchase from a nearby licensee for work in the Philippines. The cost of this additional equipment, though not new, but in good working condition, shows a very striking way the extent to which the book value of our other two plants and accessories, has been written down.

I would like to observe that the major portion of the item of \$61,440.20 shown under Sundry Debtors and Unexpired Charges, has since been collected, and there are now sufficient funds to pay the recommended dividend and bonus.

During the year, Gentlemen, the management of our technical department by Messrs. Marzan, Hongkong China Ltd., was terminated by mutual consent, and we have with us again as technical manager, Mr. E. W. Blackmore. I should also like to avail of this opportunity to inform shareholders that after many months of negotiations, we have just concluded an agreement with the Marzan Building Corporation of Manila, to act as our agents in the Philippine Islands. I may also mention that a very old and trusted friend and shareholder of the Company, in the person of Mr. H. D. S. Page, who is with us to-day, will have charge of the Company's operations in the Philippine Islands, and shareholders may feel assured, therefore, that their interests are in good hands.

With regard to the future, there is too much uncertainty in the air to make an opinion safe, but I feel I can say that unless political events develop unfavourably, the start we have made should enable us to present a fair showing next year.

I now formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and the appropriation of profits as recommended, and when this motion has been carried, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

The motion was seconded by Mr. M. Weill, and was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. G. H. Basto seconded by Sir Robert H. Kotewall,

U.S. Neutrality Legislation

Borah May Lead "Filibuster"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.
ENQUIRIES IN the lobbies show that Representatives will be guided by the action of the Senate regarding Senator Key Pittman's Neutrality resolution. If the Senate approves, the Representatives are expected to follow suit shortly.

Supporters of the Administration believe that they command sufficient votes to pass the measure, although stiff opposition is expected from Senator Nye, Senator Borah, and others, which may even lead to a "filibuster," but in the present state of public opinion, a "filibuster" would be a weapon of doubtful utility.—Reuter.

Filibustering in the American Congress is a method of holding up the passage of a measure by talking sufficiently to prevent a vote being taken within the specified time. The technique is for members who are in opposition to the Bill, to secure the floor and hold it on subjects completely removed from the actual measure.

Stock Market Brighter

London, March 21.
The impression that the international situation is less tense caused a general improvement in prices on the London Stock Exchange with the volume of trading larger.

Led by gilt-edged securities, all groups shaped for an advance with motors prominent, and mining and oils receiving overcast support.

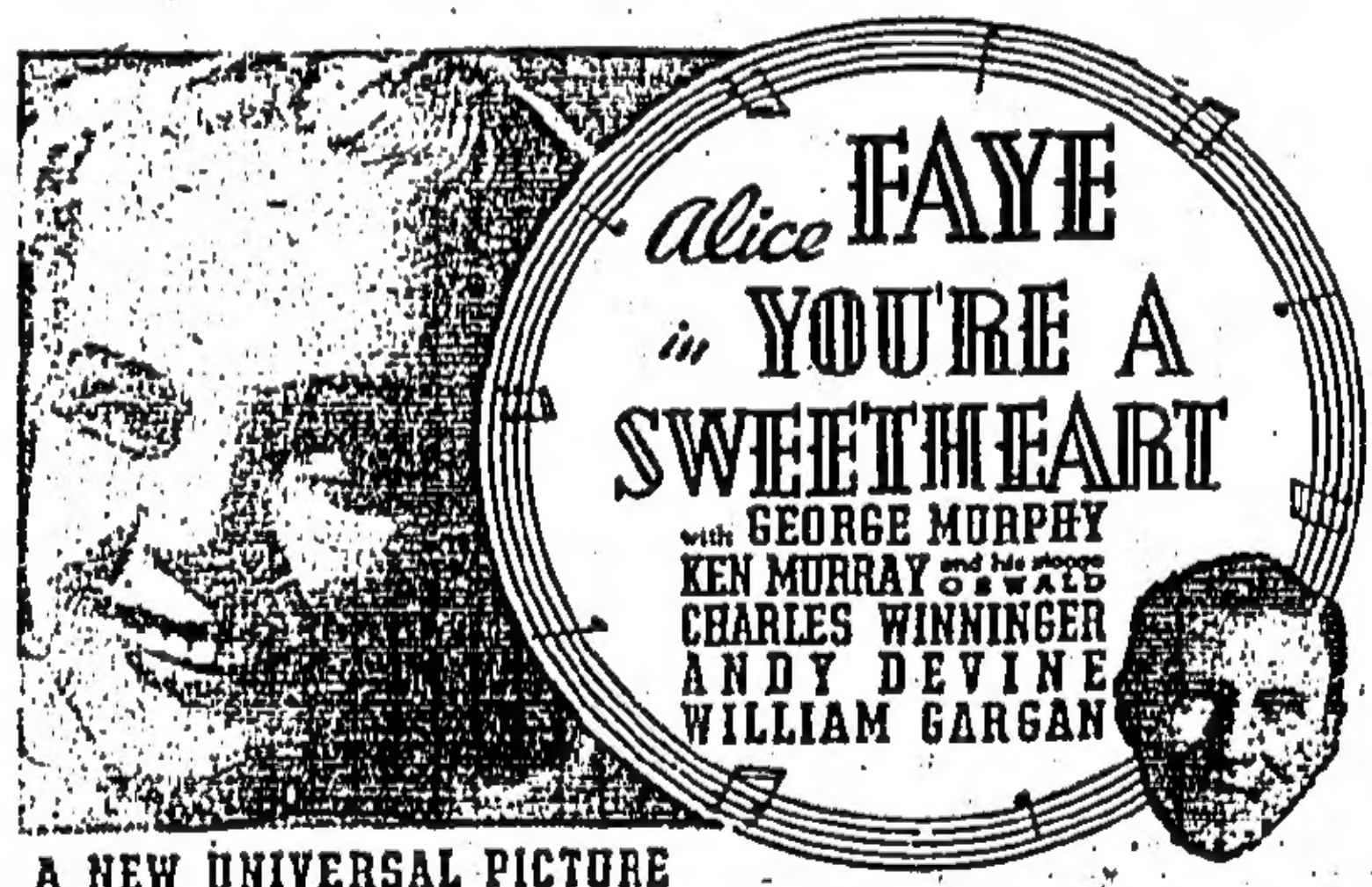
Commodities generally were more cheerful, but trading was still restricted, except in cottons, which were comparatively active.

The foreign exchanges were quiet, with sterling slightly firmer in terms of most currencies.

Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter Special.

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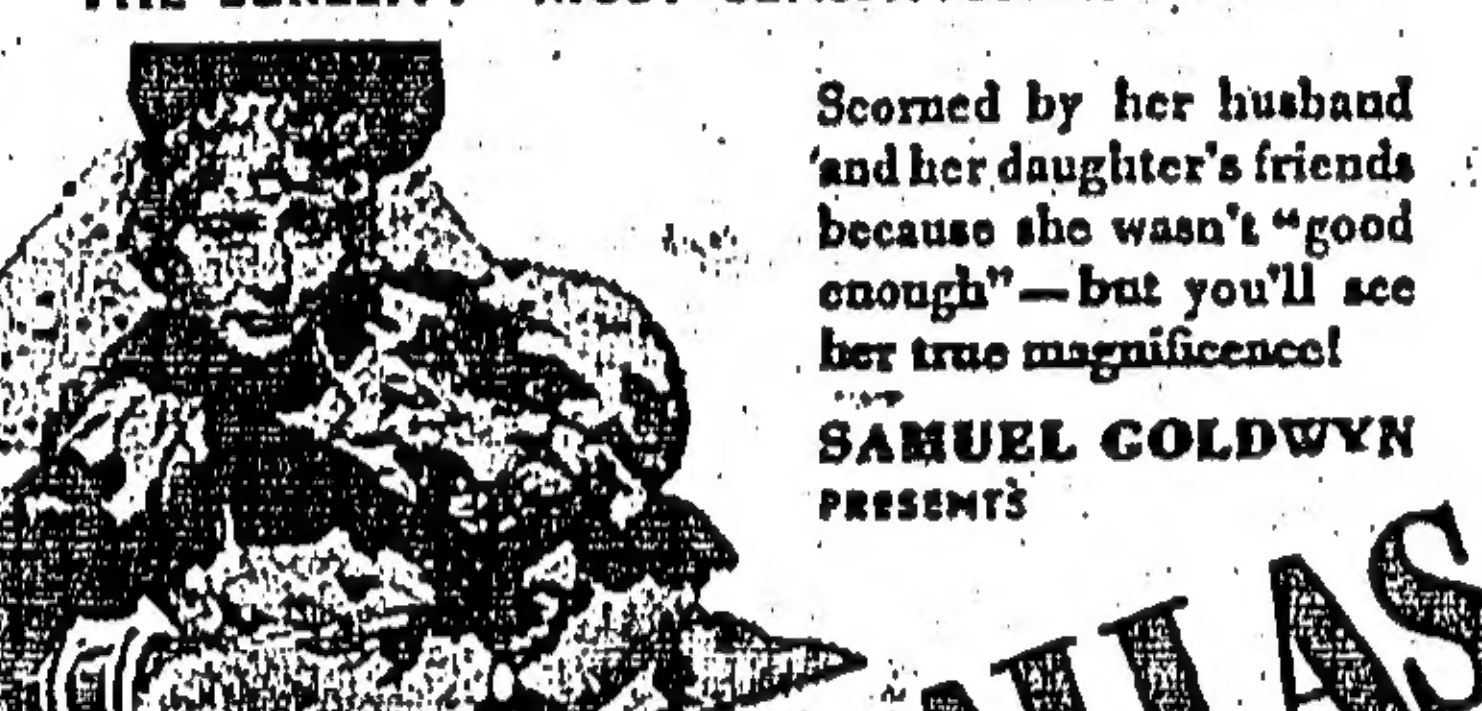
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CINCINNATI, O.
Antiques have so over-crowded the home of Harry Vorbrock, that he had to buy a new home to take care and the United States, next May, from glass-ware to sleighs in his collection.

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